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Councillor David Lloyd,
Shropshire Council's
Speaker, is calling for an
assurance the improvements
will be made after concerns
were raised by parish councillors about dangers on the
road as it passes near villages around Oswestry.
He will meet North
Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, who has campaigned
strongly for improvements
to the A5, and will also discuss the issue with fellow
Shropshire Councillor
Arthur Walpole who attends
meetings with the Highways
Agency in the West Midlands. Councillor Lloyd said
worries over the road were
raised by Weston Rhyn
Parish Council.
He said: "The focus on the
proposed high speed line and
recent funding of schemes to
relieve traffic pressure in a
handful of urban areas in

recieve traffic pressure in a handful of urban areas in the West Midlands must not divert attention from over-due improvement to the A5 which is an international

which is an international route.

"There is growing concern that current economic pressure could see the A5 slipping out of the highway improvement programme."

WWII centre up for sale

A FORMER secret World War II and Cold War telecommunications centre near Oswestry which has become

Oswestry which has become an eyesore, after being left to rot for a decade, could soon have a new owner.

The Criggion radio station underneath the picturesque Breiddens was vacated by BT in 2003 when its radio masts and towers were demolished. Now, estate agents Balfours has the 223 acres of agricultural land around the buildings for sale.

If anyone is interested in the buildings they may be available by separate negotiation.

D FARMS 'W NG IN £200m'

MORE than £200 million will be pumped into the local economy and 50 full-time jobs created if controversial plans for five new wind farms

50 full-time jobs created if controversial plans for five new wind farms are given the go-ahead, a public inquiry heard.

The inquiry in Welshpool was also told that there is no evidence to suggest wind turbines will have an adverse affect on people's health.

But campaigners warned the influx of hundreds of turbines, which will be linked to the national power supply by overhead pylons, would destroy the Shropshire and mid Wales landscape and urged protesters to keep fighting.

More than 300 protesters gathered in Welshpool on Tuesday to mark the start of the inquiry, which could last nine months at the town's Royal Oak Hotel.

The inquiry is into plans to build wind farms in Llanbadarn Fynydd, near Llandring Welse.

In Androw Morrie

by Andrew Morris

Street pastor scheme for town likely

VOLUNTEER street pastors could be intro-duced in Oswestry after police and local churches backed the idea.

churches backed the idea.

The scheme, which already operates successfully in Telford and Shrewsbury, sees volunteers from local churches take to the streets between 10pm and 4am to talk with people who are out, help people get home safely, and give out water to help sober up people who are drunk, flip flops to those women struggling in high heels and space blankets to those who are cold.

Churches Together in Operative District

Churches Together in Oswestry District discussed the idea five years ago but didn't

However, it is now set to be discussed again next month with a view to getting the scheme up and running later this year.

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Ged Cliffe, president of CTOD, said the group had met with Sergeant Scott Barnes from Oswestry police as well as with representatives from Shrewsbury Street Pastors.

He said: "The idea had been discussed some years ago and not pursued but it seems good to revisit it now. This will be a major item at the July CTOD meeting."

To get the scheme off the ground, CTOD will need volunteers from at least four different church denominations and raise £300 per pastor to cover training, equipment and per pastor to cover training, equipment and uniform.

drindod Wells; Llaithddu, near Newtown; Llandinam, near Llanidloes; Llanbryn-mair, near Machynlleth; Carnedd Wen, near Machynlleth; and a 132kV overhead electric line connection from the proposed Llandinam wind farm to Welshpool sub-

station.

If they are given the go-ahead, then it could pave the way for huge pylons and overhead cables which will take energy created by the wind farms from a substation at Cefn Coch near Llanfair Caereinion to the National Grid network at Lower Frankton near Oswestry.

The plans are being fought by The Alliance group, which is made up of 21 organisations together with Powys County Council.

Boost

At the opening of the inquiry, Marcus Trinick QC, for RWE Renewables, which has applied to build a wind farm at Carnedd Wen, near Machynlleth, said the development of wind farms would boost the local economy.

He said: "The wind farm represents a £200m investment, of which an estimated £31m will be spent with local suppliers during construction and a further £76m during construction in the rest of Wales.

"During the seven-year construction period, 50 full time equivalent jobs will be created and during operation there will be 24 full time equivalent jobs."

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Powys County Council hit back during its opening statement, saying there was "absolutely no justification" for the plans.

Simon Bird QC, for the council, said: "Despite the acknowledged urgent need for wind farm development, there is no public interest justification for allowing the scale of development that is before this inquiry, let alone the many other proposals due to be considered in the area."

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Walkers pull on their PJs



Amy Hughes and Suzanne Williams from the Lyon Quays near Oswestry getting ready for the Hope House Pyjama Walk.

Amy rugnes and Suzanee Williams from ready for the Hope I MORE than 150 ladies have signed up to don their pyjamas and take a walk around the streets of Oswestry next week to raise funds for Hope House.

Staff from the Lion Quays Country Club in Oswestry have been getting ready to lead the Midnight Pyjama Walk.

Michelle Bowen, the country club manager, will be warming up walkers on the night and will lead the ladies on the fourmile walk from the hospice gardens in Morda into Oswestry and back again.

The walk will take place from 11.30pm on June 15 to 2am on June 16.

Suzanne Williams, country club membership supervisior, said: "We are really pleased to be able to support such a fantastic charity and are looking forward to pulling on our pyjamas and leading the walk."

mas and take part can register for £15 or for the discounted rate of £12 for groups of five

No minimum sponsorship has been set, however, anyone who raises more than £100 in sponsorship will be placed in a draw to win a spa day which has been donated by the Lion Quays Country Club.

Organisers are hoping to have 250 ladies taking part in the event, while men are also needed to marshal the walk.

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All participants will receive free glowing boppers to set the town aglow during the walk, and will receive goodies en route including chocolate bars, bottles of water, bacon butties and hot drinks.

To register for the walk contact the fundraising office on 01691 671671 or sign up online at www.hopehouse.org.uk/events

Cultural aims are key at new festival

PLANS have been revealed for a new cross-border folk and arts festival in a village

and arts testival in a village near Oswestry. Llanymynech Folk Week-end will be held bi-annually and promote cross-border understanding, organisers

understanding, organisers say.

Councillors will discuss a request for funding for the event next week.

A report to the area's local joint committee, which meets on Tuesday, said the festival will alternate with the North Wales-based Gwyl Tegeing! Festival.

The report says: "The festival will include English and Welsh folk music, workshops in traditional music, song, dance, and story-telling, a twmpath/social dance and a family fun day including a procession with giant puppets and a large village fete.
"Aims include the better cross border understanding its control of the control of

cross border understanding within the local community, of the traditional culture, of the traditional culture, arts, music, and dance, associated with each country and an increase in visitor numbers to the local area and a corresponding increase in trade for local businesses.

"The idea of the festival has come from the need to draw together and promote a series of disparate threads of activity and creative

of activity and creative groups, including, the heritage area and canal wharf, Underhill Farm and the

Red Arrows set to fly by

THE Red Arrows will be THE Red Arrows will be making an appearance in the skies above Oswestry this weekend as part of a special event at the town's heritage railway.

The display team will perform a flypast the Cambrian Heritage Railway's Football Special day at Oswestry Station on Sunday at 11.56am.

Andrew Tullo, an organiser, said: "We have managed to arrange with the Red Arrows that they will do a flyover on their way to the air show at Cosford."

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since the 1950s until his death in 2004.

"It is becoming an increasingly popular trend that people are looking for more of a night out when they visit the cinema and not just for a movie," he said.

"Growing numbers of people would rather make the trip to Shrewsbury, Telford or even Wrexham where the customer has a much wider selection of restaurants, fast food outlets and bars to choose from and truly make more of their night out.

Amazing

"Oswestry is set to have a new multi-screen cinema within 18 months and so we would have been squeezed that little bit

more.
"It is a very sad day. The Pola has been a part of the Thacker family for a long time and we have thought long and hard about it and it has not been an easy decision I

assure you.

"But the time is coming where we would need to go digital and with the current economic climate and how fast computer technology evolves it simply wouldn't pay for us to do it," added Mr Thacker's son Simon

to do it," added Mr Thacker's son Simon.

"It has been an amazing experience to follow on in both my grandfather and father's footsteps and the Pola will be truly missed by us all, but the time has come to close its doors".

We would like to thank all the people who have supported us over the years.

"Our final show is on Thursday, June 13 when we will be showing "Fast and Furious 6" at 7.15 and "The Big Wedding" at 7.30, or we would like to recurrence we to all to

o at Alband in he big weeding at 6.30, so we would like to encourage you to all to make one last visit to the cinema in our final week, "said Simon.

"It is not all bad news though, we will continue to run and operate the Regent Cinema at Newtown."

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Final curtain to fall at Pola Cinema — with loss of jobs

by Graham Breeze

FILM lovers were dealt a blow this week with the announcement that Welshpool's Pola Cinema is to close.

Cinema bosses have said that the curtain will fall for the final time on June 13, conceding defeat to the onset of multi-screen entertainment complexes and digital technol-

ogy and with the loss of four part time jobs.

The cinema reopened its doors in 1992 with a 154-seat screen, three years after the complex had closed for redevelopment, and two years later a 40-seat second screen was added. But with the industry changing to digital technology its owners faced a £130,000 outlay to make the switch.

"It's just not financially feasible in this current environment so, unfortunately and with a heavy heart, we have made the difficult decision to close the Pola," said Richard Thacker.

He inherited the cinema management from his father Charlie who was involved since the 1950s until his death in 2004.
"It is becoming an increasingly peopular outlay to make the switch.

Police linking up with farmers in latest project to tackle rural crime

A "DYNAMIC" new crime prevention

scheme has been set up with farmers.

The move comes thanks to a new partnership between police and farmers and is

The move comes thanks to a new partnership between police and farmers and is aimed at tackling rural crime such as metal thefts.

Police officers working in rural areas of North Powys are linking in with colleagues at NFU Cymru to warn farmers of any crime in their areas and to offer crime prevention advice.

The new scheme will come under the Farmwatch banner and will see short messages being sent out to NFU Cymru who will then forward those messages on to the farmers who live in affected areas and who need to know the information.

Sergeant Jon Rees said: "It's all about being dynamic with the way we communicate information on crimes which are happening in our rural and outlying areas. "There may be a situation where we are getting calls of metal thefts in a rural area and we want to alert farmers to be on the lookout.

"Forewarning them in this way will not only help us in having extra eyes and ears

lookout.

"Forewarning them in this way will not only help us in having extra eyes and ears looking out for the culprits, but also help the farmers to protect their property.

"We're not looking to scare people by doing this. Rather it's a form of empower-

this, Nather it is a form of empower ment. We'll also be sending brief messages offering crime prevention advice. "I urge all members who wish to take advantage of this beneficial scheme to get in touch with the Welshool NFU Cymru group office on 01938 552272."

Youth festival shows the way



Miriam Turner from Shropshire Council's The Centre, left, Councillor Vince Hunt organ iser and chair of the Community Action Partnership and Josh page, 14, of Oswestry Youth Council, with Tim Bol on the BMX.

A NEW children's festival has been staged in a public park in Oswestry for the first time in a bid to educate young people about the dangers of drink and drugs.

The first CAP-Fest at Cae Glas Park in Oswestry was organised by the OsCap group, which works to curb underage drink-ing end substages about in the town. Hur-

ing and substance abuse in the town. Hun-

dreds of children attended the festival.

Oswestry mayor Chris Schofield said: "It is horrendous when you see it on display like this. We all know cannabis has been

Tim Bol on the BMX.

around for a while but you look at some of the other stuff and I wouldn't even know what they are. This is why we all need to work together to tackle these problems."

Shropshire and town councillor Vince Hunt said he was delighted at the success of the event, which was on Friday.

He said: "As chairman of OsCap I wanted to do something like this so we can show that you don't have to go down to the park or on the street corner to have a drink and to have fun. There is an alternative and all the activities today show that."

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A PLAYING field in a village near Oswestry has won almost £20,000 of lottery money to allow the sports pitch to be used more often. Trefonen Playing Field Association has secured

Association has secured £19,400 of National Lottery investment from Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields fund.

Fields fund.

The award comes after Sport England announced a 50 per cent boost to the Olympic and Paralympic legacy fund in a bid to protect more local sports fields across the country.

The award will go towards improving the drainage on a waterlogged pitch at Trefonen playing field.

The funding will enable

waterlogged pitch at Treionen playing field.

The funding will enable
the local football club and
the children from Trefonen
Primary School to have
greater access to the sports
pitch and playing field.

A local fund has raised
thousands of pounds to
improve the playing field
and village hall over the past
few years.

The playing field will also
be protected from developers
for at least 25 years.

for at least 25 years. Councillor Joyce Barrow, Shropshire councillor for St Oswald, said: "We are delighted to have secured this investment, which this investment, which means we can provide the community with a quality playing field that meets the needs of local people to participate in sport and recreational activities."

Buzz about bee friendly plants

GARDENERS are invited to find out more about planting bee-friendly plants with plenty of pollen and nectar at Oswestry Garden Society's meeting on June 17 at 7.30pm at Cornerstone Church on the corpore of Boff 7.30pm at Cornerstone Church on the corner of Roft Street and Lower Brook Street. Call Anne on (01691) 659773.

Playing field nets a lottery Rallying cry to protesters as wind farm inquiry starts

Wales have issued a rallying call to protesters at the start of a public

More than 300 people gathered in Welshpool before the inquiry into plans by

six energy developers. They were there to urge the inspector, Andrew Poulter, to think of the damage the pro posed wind farms would have on the area. Waving banners and flags and singing songs

very special landscape

Impact

"We already have hundreds of turbines across the region, so to potentially have a further 800 more with all the associated infrastructure that comes with it will have a huge detrimental impact on our commu-

"Leaders of tomorrow will look back and wonder what on earth the decision makers of the day were thinking, if these proposals

of the day were timining, it there proposed go ahead.

"However, I do genuinely believe we have forced Government to think again and we trust the inspector will examine the evidence carefully and come to the right con-

defice carefully and come to the right conclusion.

"We must continue the fight until this terrible threat to our futures is defeated."

The AM also read out messages of support from Lord Carlile of Berriew and from Member of Parliament, Glyn Davies, who was unable to attend the start of the inquiry because he was involved in a parliamentary debate on the UK Government's Energy Bill in Westminster.

Jonathan Wilkinson, leader of Montgomeryshire Against Pylons, one of 21 organisations which make up The Alliance group which is fighting the plans, said people needed to keep the fight going strong over the coming nine months – the length of time the inquiry is due to last.

by Andrew Morris

Bridge will be closed for vital repair works

AN HISTORIC bridge near Oswestry will be closed for strengthening work this summer at a cost of £500,000.

The B4393, which runs from Four Crosses

to Llansantffraid, will be closed for nine

to Llansantffraid, will be closed for nine months from June 24.
Powys County Council has obtained listed building consent from Cadw, the organisation which preserves the built heritage of Wales, as the bridge is Grade II listed.
Councillor Barry Thomas, cabinet member for environment and regulation, said once the work is completed the existing 18 tonnes maximum gross weight restriction on the bridge will be removed.
He said: "The Llansantffraid Bridge is of special architectural and historic interest and we needed to ensure that our plans met

and we needed to ensure that our plans met Cadw's requirements.

Cadw's requirements.

"The decision to close a bridge is never taken lightly because of the impact it has on local residents and businesses but in this case we hope that the long term benefits from the restoration of this attractive and historic bridge and removal of the 18 tonnes weight restriction will be appreciated.
"We hope to complete the work by early November but this is dependent on the weather during the autumn."

Lee Evans, spokesman for Powys County Council, said the work should help agricultural businesses in the area.

tural businesses in the area.

"It's quite a long diversion around if you're over the weight. The agricultural community is often hit by that weight limit," he said.



Protesters march to the Royal Oak in Welshpool.



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Emmerdale star to visit carnival

EMMERDALE star Adam
Thomas will be following
in the footsteps of his
brother when he is welcomed as the guest of honour at a carnival on the
Shropshire border on Saturday.
Brother Ryan, who
plays Coronation Street's
Jason Grimshaw, was at
the Llandrinio carnival in
2002.

Now Adam will be hop-ing for the same reception when he pays a visit to the 2013 event.

He first hit our televi He first hit our television screens playing Donte Charles in the BBC's Waterloo Road before moving to ITV to play Adam Barton in Emmerdale.
Llandrinio has gained a reputation for bringing big names to its now biannual carnival

Jubilee memory shared at club

BORDERLAND Rotary members re-lived last year's Diamond Jubilee Pageant at their latest meeting in Oswestry.

meeting in Oswestry.

John Summer, a trustee
of the Lyneal Trust, a narrowboat holiday park for
the disabled and their
families, gave a presentation on the trust's role in
the parade of boats on the
river Thames.

It sailed two boats down the canal network taking 24 days. Mr Sum-ner said even rain on the big day didn't spoil the pleasure of taking part.

School reunion sparks search

THE search is on to find 60 year olds who went to Welshpool High School for a reunion.

The get-together is at The Cock Hotel in Forden on July 25 and is for any former pupil celebrating their 60th birthday between September 2012 and August 2013 and August 2013.

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Man sentenced for driving at high speeds in police chase

A 26-YEAR-old man from Oswestry has been given a suspended jail sentence after driving at 90mph through the countryside in a high

James Ray, of Lime Grove, Oswestry, admitted dangerous driving at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday. Ray was spotted by an unmarked police car driving on the A5 towards Oswestry in the early hours of January 3 last year, the court heard. He was given a 16-week jail sentence, suspended for 12 months.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, told the court that Ray had veered around corners on country roads at high speeds while being chased by the police for 15 miles. He said the officer chasing Ray could only country the chase

He said the officer chasing Ray could only record the car's speed once during the chase, which was when it was travelling at 90mph. Mr Jones said: "He approached Trefonen which is a 40mph speed limit doing 80mph. He also got up to 80mph in a 30mph zone." He said police found the car, a Treg Peugeot, in a garage and found Ray nearby, who admitted he had been driving the car.

Admitted

Ray also admitted driving without a

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Ray also admitted driving without a licence and insurance.

Mrs Debra White, for Ray, said: "He accepted responsibility for the way he acted." She told the court he was picking up his car after it was stolen and he had been told it was left on the side of the A5.

Mrs White said he chose the early hours of the morning to pick it up as there would be fewer cars on the road.

Judge Peter Barrie sentencing said: "The manner of your driving clearly crosses the

Judge Peter Barrie sentencing said: "The manner of your driving clearly crosses the custody threshold, but I am impressed by your immediate co-operation with police." Mr Barrie sentenced Ray to 16 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months. He also disqualified him for driving for 12 months and ordered him to pay £200 costs and carry out 200 hours unpaid work. There were no separate sentences for the offences of driving without insurance and a licence.

All aboard football special



Getting ready for the football themed day, back, Lynsey Kilvert, from Hope House, TNS's Spot the Dog, and Mike Clarke, who collects Oswestry memorabilia, front, joint organiser, David Owen and TNS media officer, Gilbert Woolley.

OSWESTRY'S heritage railway will be Telford United, Ellesmere Rangers, celebrating football on Sunday with memories of special trips and two national trophies on display.

Cambrian Heritage Railway will have Wrexham's FA Trophy – the biggest knock out prize in non-league – and The New Saints' Welsh Premier League trophy at the station. AFC

Shrewsbury Town, The New Saints and Wrexham are all supporting the event.

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The event will also be raising funds for Hope House Children's Hospice, which will run a competition with an autographed pair of England star Joe Hart's goalkeeping gloves as first prize.

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College fete boosts funds with £15,000

Hundreds of people visited the college in Gobowen, which provides specialist further education and vocational training for young people with learning difficulties and disabil-ities.

ities.

The event was organised by Friends of the Derwen, who are also involved in all aspects of the fete on the day helping to run the stalls and donating many items including delicious home made cakes.

Other organisations including Women's Institutes and the Borderland Rotary Clubran stalls and one of the major attractions at the event were a group of Stormtroopers, a Star Wars costume group.

Allison Haward from the college said all

Allison Heward from the college said all the departments were open during the day with staff and students happy to talk about what they did.

COULD I BE FORCED TO SELL OUR HOME TO PAY MY HUSBAND'S CARE FEES?

Q: My husband has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and has become unpredictable and at times aggressive. Doctors have been unable to balance his medication to prevent his irrational behaviour and have advised me to consider moving him into a residential home. As he doesn't need nursing care I am concerned I might be forced to sell our home to pay for his care. Could this happen? And can I safeguard any of our

A: As long as you are living in the marital home no-one will make you sell it and the property value will not be taken into account in determining how much, if anything, your husband must contribute to his care costs. The same applies to an unmarried couple.

If your husband receives a state pension or state benefits, these must be used towards his care costs. He will however only be required to contribute half of any other pensions he receives, provided that the other half is paid to you. If after these monies have been paid over for his care there is still a shortfall, the remainder must be paid out of savings. The allowed savings threshold is £23,250 in England and £22,500 in Wales. Once assets fall below those figures the Local Authority will contribute towards care home fees. The amount of the contribution is calculated using a formula, with contributions falling as assets fall.

If you have joint savings you can split them into separate accounts of equal value so that only your husband's half is taken into account and your half is protected

Depending on individual circumstances there may be other ways of protecting your assets, so it would be advisable to seek advice from a Solicitor before you make any decisions. It would also be a good idea for your Solicitor to review your Wills at the same time.

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A MOTHER and her two young children escaped unharmed when a fire broke out in their home on Saturday.

Smoke alarms alerted the mother to Smoke alarms alerted the mother to the fire which began in an upstairs bedroom at the detached property in Maple Avenue in Oswestry. She and her two sons, aged eight and four, got out of the house and were unhurt.

The cause of the blaze is still being investigated. And fire service officials have issued fresh advice to people to

The upstairs of the property was badly damaged in the fire. The alarm was raised just before 11am and fire crews from Oswestry and Ellesmere responded to a 999 call.

Ade Bowen, watch manager for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said smoke was coming from the upstairs windows when crews arrived. He said: "Neighbours told us that

the family had managed to get out and there was no one inside the house. which gave us time to ascertain how to best deal with the incident.

"We forced open the front door and four firefighters wearing breathing apparatus fought the fire. The incident was under control within half an hour. Mr Bowen said thanks to the smoke

alarms the family, a mother and her children had been alerted to the fire.

"We would like to remind people that, if they have a fire in their property they should shut doors inside and get out as quickly as possible. We are still investigating the cause of the fire."

The mother was too shocked to com-

Real vintage collection of veteran vehicles at show

Buzz about market



With the big bee is Tom Wright from Friends of the Earth and Matilda Evans, five, of Oswestry.

A GIANT bumble bee was buzzing around Oswestry this week as part of a Friends of the Earth's campaign to save the insects.

The giant bee was at the town's farmers' market at the Bailey Head on Friday handing out free seeds for people to grow bee-friendly seeds.

Local beekeepers and gardeners joined in with the event, giving away plants, flowering herbs and information on the plight of bees in the UK and what type of plants the insects

plight of bees in the UK and what type of plants the insects find most appealing.

Oswestry beekeeper Jonjo Evans, who organised a stand at the market, said he was backing the Bee Cause campaign after losing all his bees in the bad weather over the winter.

"I own a local tree surgery and landscaping business and I've noticed there aren't any bees around this year even without looking at my own hive," he said.

"It's a beautiful day today and there aren't any to be seen even though we've got lots of flowers here. There is a real plight, and it's not just to do with the bad weather last year or the neonicotinoids that have been discussed recently.

"We've had a series of horrible winters and the bees don't need another chemical that hasn't yet been proven to be safe – we need to know if it's killing bees and not allow any chemical to be used until it's proved to be safe."

chemical to be used until it's proved to be safe."

Mr Evans said he had to feed his bees during last summer

because there weren't enough flowers around following the previous bad winter.

motorcycles and steam engines will be heading to Oswestry for the Clwyd Veteran and Vintage Machinery Society's annual show

The annual event will be held at Oswestry Show-ground on June 15-16 and will feature a busy

showring programme as well as the vintage dis-

plays.
Jean Smith, from
CVVMS Ltd, said: "Last
year's event was one of the
few vintage rallies in the
country able to go ahead in
the adverse summer
weather conditions we all
experienced. experienced.
This was largely due to

This was largely due to the hard roads around the Oswestry Showground, plus an outstanding contri-bution by the members of the Clwyd Veteran and Vintage Machinery Society Ltd to keep the event running in such difficult circumstances.

Dog show

"We have a fun day out for all the family planned, with sections including steam engines, vintage commercial vehicles, fire engines, buses and camper vans, stationary engines, horses, vintage tractors and borticultural machinand horticultural machinand horticultural machin-ery, vintage caravans, out-door displays and collections, organs, classic, vintage and veteran cars, vintage pedal cycles and vintage motor cycles. "Spectators will be able to see many of these vehi-cles in motion in the ring." Among the other enter-

Among the other enter-tainment lined up for the weekend event is a fun dog show hosted by the Birch Hill Dog Rescue from Cleobury Mortimer. Show visitors will be able

to enter their dogs into the event for a small charge.
Escapology stuntman

by Pam Griffin

Kondini will be performing on both days, as will the Rid-ing for the Disabled Group from Baschurch, while the House of the Black Star his-torical re-enactment group will be at the show on the

will be at the show on the Saturday.

Out of the ring, Fox's Fun Fair will provide rides, bouncy castles and possibly a bungee jump, and there will be a model car racing arena near to the funfair. There will also be a model hall, craft hall, and trade and auto jumble stade.

nail, craft hail, and trade and auto jumble stands. The rally will be open from 10am to 5pm both days with free parking. Catering and a licensed bar will be available on site, and the area is accessible for

and the area is accessible for wheelchair users and fami

lies with prams and buggies.

Tickets will be available on the gate priced £14 for a family ticket for two adults and two children, £6 for adults and £4 for children. Children under 16 must be

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

The society is run by volunteers with all money raised going back into the running of the club and the organisation of next year's

Anyone interested in exhibiting is asked to contact jeansmith@cvvms.co.uk or call (01244) 818918.

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NEWS

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Legal aid plea to MPs by lawyer

A FAMILY lawyer has written to Parliament raising what he calls his "grave concerns" about the Government's Legal Aid changes.

ment's Legal Aid changes.
Nathan Wright, of GHP
Legal in Oswestry, said disadvantaged victims of domestic violence are failing to
get the public funding they
need to get legal representation, despite the Government's promise such victims
would be exempt from the
cuts introduced on April 1.

"Whilst the theory behind

cuts introduced on April 1.

"Whilst the theory behind
the Legal Aid Agency's
requirement for evidence to
be obtained by clients to
obtain public funding may
have made sense to the Government, the practice of
obtaining the information is
frankly unrealistic," he said.

"Many victims of domestic violence are too fearful of

tic violence are too fearful of reprisals from the perpetra-tor to report such violence to the police or their GP."

the police or their GP"
He said even where the
violence has been reported,
"in some instances when we,
as the client's representative, have written to the
police requesting the
required evidence we have
been denied it due to the
Data Protection Act".

Data Protection Act".
"If it can be obtained, it is subject to a release fee. These applicants don't have the money. The whole situation is ludicrous. I want these matters raised in Parliament with a view to gaining a review of the changes."

Skatepark documentary is Farmers calls for a winner with film judges

ations at a hospital as part of his role as medical media designer.

But in his own time Jon Edwards is building such a reputation for his film making that he has been named a winner in the 2013 Sony Europe Production Awards.

Mr Edwards, 29, who lives in Oswestry, won the commercial category in the awards with his short film Academy

Skatepark.
More than 400 students, More than 400 students, professionals, and amateur film enthusiasts created their own short films for the chance to gain industry recognition and win the latest technology from Sony's Super Slow Motion camcorder.

Jon's film captured the opening of a new skatepark at Rednal on the outskirts of Oswestry.

Oswestry.
"I have been a BMX rider for the past 16 years and when I heard about the new when I heard about the new local facility being developed in Rednal I offered my services to help with art direction and branding of The Academy skatepark," he said.

"This led to the short film before the park opened. I wanted to showcase small elements within the nark to

elements within the park to create further interest and create further interest and excite the viewer. The promo film received over 6,000 views and the skatepark is now a huge local success."

The Sony Production Awards are designed to

by Sue Austin

unearth exceptional filmmakers and give them the opportunity to further their

careers.

Award-winning Spanish director, editor, cinematographer and motion designer Ruben Latre, who was on the judging panel for the awards, said of Jon's film:

"I was looking for something I hadn't seen before.

thing I hadn't seen betore.

"The restrained nature of Academy Skatepark really stood out – sometimes less is more, which is why I gave it the number are sent."

why I gave it the number one spot."

Jon, who works at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital said: "I could not believe that highly respected industry judges from across Europe had sat down and watched my film, let alone preferred it to those of other professionals.

"I won a Sony camcorder and wireless microphone kit."



Medical media designer Jon Edwards.

Farmers' help have doubled

DESPERATE farmers are DESPEKATE farmers are reaching out for help after a long, harsh winter left crops struggling and hundreds of sheep dead beneath the snow.

And while for a support sale.

calls.

And while farms in Wales and Scotland are benefiting from a £250,000 fund to help removal of dead animals, in England farmers will get

England farmers will get nothing. Farmers are also strug-gling as pasture is undevel-oped and crops weeks behind due to the cold weather. Shropshire Rural Support

weather.

Shropshire Rural Support
Network, which provides
crisis advice, says it has seen
a surge in calls.

One member of the support network said the number of calls received
following the freezing
weather six weeks ago had
doubled.

Malcolm Roberts, who
farms near Oswestry, spent
a fortnight attempting to
keep his livestock alive in
the spring but lost 80 sheep.

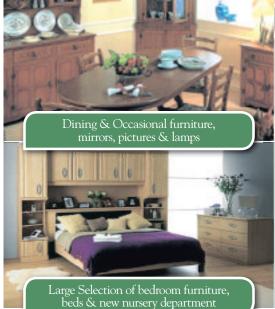
He said: ""A lot people
have rung from along the
Welsh border, where the
snow was worst.
"They wanted to know if
regulations have been on the
fallen stock A little bit of
extra help has been long and
complicated to get."



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Students praised for their

NEWS

A CREATIVE writing contest which challenged young people in Oswestry to write about alcohol-related issues has attracted more than 100

The competition invited The competition invited pupils to submit a piece of creative writing – prose or poetry – portraying a negative experience of alcohol. Competition packs were given to teachers at local schools to provide some ideas.

The winners will be

The winners will be The winners will be announced tomorrow (Friday), with the winners in each key stage receiving a £100 gift voucher of their choice, and runners up earning a £25 gift voucher.

Councillor Vince Hunt, chairman of the Oswestry Community Alcohol Partnership, said: "We have been overwhelmed at the response from voung people

overwhelmed at the response from young people and the number and quality of entries so we have decided to add some highly commended prizes.

"My thanks go to my fellow judges, Constable Mark Moth of West Mercia Police and Heather Redenburst of

Moth of West Mercia Police and Heather Rodenhurst of Shropshire Council's library service in Oswestry for help-ing to assess the entries. OsCAP is a partnership project aimed to reduce the incidents of underage drink-ing, raise awareness of dan-cers and support initiatives gers and support initiatives that help to explore alterna-tive activities for youngsters.

Driving instructor hanging up L-plates after 44 years

ONE of the Oswestry area's most popular driving instructors is finally throwing his "L" plates away after 44 years.

And no one will be more pleased than one of his first ever pupils – his wife Bronwen. Mel Jones of Llanrhaeadr first started as a driving instructor in 1969 when the price of a

Mel Jones or Liairmeaur inco sautos accession seems se

Showroom will sell metalwork

PEOPLE who attend a day service for adults with learning disabilities have opened a showroom to sell their products directly to the public.

Maesbury Metals a metal workshop near Maesbury Metals a metal workshop near Oswestry provides a base for people with learning disabilities to produce handmade products like garden gates and bird tables. Bosses say the people who attend the cen-tre were so proud of their work that they wanted to sell it.

wanted to sell it.

They decided to open a shop which will be open to the public at the workshop unit on Maes y Clawdd Industrial Estate on the outskirts of Oswestry.

The shop is intended to be one of the ways the centre will raise money to mitigate continuing financial pressures councils are facing due to reduced Government funding.

Peter Phillips who attends Maesbury Metals and will run the shop said: "We want to change people's perceptions of what adults with learning disabilities can do.

Mel's first car was a second hand Austin 1100 and this was followed by a second hand Mini. "In 1972 I bought my first new car, an L-reg Ford Escort costing around £700," he said.
"Since then I have taught my pupils in a Talbot Sunbeam, Peugeot 205 and 106, a VW Polo, Skoda Fabia and now I have a Ford Focus. In all I've used about 30 new cars."

And Mel, a father of two, has seen a lot of changes in his time as an instructor. "When I started cars were not fitted with seatbelts, door mirrors, power steering etc, and the test has also changed a lot over the years,"

test has also changed a lot over the years, he explained "It used to be that all the test was conducted in the 30 mile speed limit area of Oswestry, where there was only one roundabout, at the top of Llwyn Road. Drivers rarely got into fourth gear and they had to do part of the test using hand signals." "Mel and Bronwen have a son and daughter and three grandchildren with another on the way. We are hoping to see a lot more of them," he said.

And both Mel, who last year had a heart by-pass operation, and Bronwen will be able to spend more time bowling – both play for Llanrhaeadr in the Oswestry and District Bowling League and for the Church Club in the Shrewsbury League.



Driving instructor Mel Jones.

College's courses on display

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ACTIVITIES ranging from hand massage to embroidery were on offer to shoppers at Oswestry's market as part of a campaign to highlight what sort of learning opportunities there are at the town's further education

town's further education college.
Students and staff from Walford and North Shropshire College attended the town market at the Bailey Head to let people know what courses are available as part of national Adult Learners Week.
The college took along its

Learners Week.

The college took along its mobile display unit and staged a range of activities, including hints on how to "upcycle" by using recycled materials to make gifts, bags and cards. and cards.

and cards. A cookery demonstration was staged and beauty therapy students offered hand massage to shoppers.

Other activities on offer included a boxercise demonstration and embroidery displays

plays.

Lucy Evans, college spokeswoman, said: "Our aim was to engage with the community for this event and showcase just a small selection of activities that could be undertaken by adult learners.

"Whether adults wish to study and gain a qualification, or take up a leisure course for interest, the college has a diverse range of

lege has a diverse range of course options available."







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COMMENT & FEATURE

Growing protest against wind farms is an eye-opener

thought the people of mid Wales and Shropshire were giving up their fights against wind farms they had an eye-opener this week.

Hundreds turned out to renew their runtreds ut to reflect their protests as a public inquiry into plans for five wind farms and a power line through the Vyrnwy Valley got underway in Welshpool on Tuesday.

And the message was loud and clear—people will stand up to the energy giants.

people will stand up to the energy giants who were labelled "playground bullies".

Speakers addressed the crowd who were decked out in anti-pylon and anti-wind farm t-shirts and holding placards telling the inquiry just what they think.

Lead campaigner Jonathan Wilkinson said: "National Grid has shown its true colours over the past few weeks and proven



to be nothing but playground bullies." Bully boy tactics adopted by bailiffs employed by agents for The National Grid could not have happened at a more opportune time for the objectors and stirred people into action this

The swell of feeling against wind farms and the pylons, which will dominate a beautiful mid Wales valley, is growing and will not go away.

WHAT really upset me this week was the news that The Pola Cinema in Welshpool

will bring down the curtain for the final time on June 13 – forced out of business by the high costs of going digital.

Generations of Welshpool families share their first memory of the cinema from a trip to the Pola with friends, family or on that

It will be a sad day for Welshpool and the

It will be a sad day for Welshpool and the local community and an even sadder day for the Thacker family, who have worked tirelessly to keep the age of the cinema alive.

The reality is that it is impossible for them to compete with the bigger boys in Shrewsbury and Wrexham, who can offer more comfort and choice – all be it at a higher price. And with a new complex on the way to Oswestry the writing was clearly on the wall.

on the wall.

But the Pola wasn't just a cinema. It was
the place where we enjoyed our Saturday
morning matinee, where so many relationships began and where the area got a first
glimpse of TV stars such as Jackie Pallo and

took to the stage.

It was also the venue for the pantomime where scores of Welshpool people were given

the opportunity to perform on stage.

June 13 will be very sad day in Welshpool's history.

PLANNERS behind Oswestry's new KFC restaurant either underestimated the chain's pulling power or got things horribly wrong—there's not enough room to park. Finding the car park bursting at the seams on Sunday I found myself in a drive-through queue by mistake and was forced to park on a navement on the nearby road.

park on a pavement on the nearby road.

park on a pavement on the nearby road.

The amusing thing was then sitting in the restaurant and watching other drivers and would-be customers facing the same dilemma and hearing staff telling horror stories of car park chaos.

What happens when the new Starbucks opens alongside?

Young rider Kinvara has a spot at top horse show

MANY little girls dream of owning a pony but 10year-old Kinvara Garner is taking that dream a step further.

For Kinvara is making a name for her-self in two very different disciplines, show

self in two very different disciplines, show pony riding and Shetland pony racing.
Earlier this month the pupil at Moreton First School, near Oswestry, celebrated success at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, winning the Show Hunter Pony Championships on her pony, Woodview Cadenza.
The win qualifies the talented youngster for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead in July.
Kinvara, who lives in Worthenbury, near Whitchurch, also competed in the Novice Show Pony – in which she came second – and the Shetland Grand National.

Jumps

The former requires her to ride with the utmost style while the latter has her racing round a miniature Grand National course, complete with jumps.

It means Kinvara not only has her show pony, but also a Shetland to ride and look after.

Parents Bridget and Sebastian said they were extremely proud of their talented daughter.

daughter.
Mrs Garner said: "She is competing against professionals while we are amateur and so has to give 110 per cent all the

"There is such a lot of work in show

"There is such a lot of work in show ponies and Kinvara does a lot of the work herself including all the riding.
"She had her first pony when she was two years old and won her first competi-tion that year."



Kinvara Garner is making a name for herself in the world of Shetland Pony racing and is seen in action above.



Competition is fierce in Shetland Pony racing and 10-year-old Kinvara Garner, nearside, is seen battling for the lead with a close rival.

Mr Garner, who is the head steward at busy for Kinvara," he said. "At one point

Royal Windsor, said the two disciplines were completely different.

"Royal Windsor week was incredibly ing silks straight into her show jacket and



Ten-year- old Kinvara Garner is collecting rosettes with her show pony.

put Woodview Cadenza through his paces. Staff at Moreton First said that ev at the school was watching Kinvara's progress in the pony world with interest.

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A GROUP of influential businessmen is calling for the Coalition Government to remain in the European Union, revealing the little-known "fact" that our mem-bership earns us between £31 billion and £92 billion

every year.

The difference of £61 billion must be the product of the EU's lack of accounting knowledge, but you may be sure that, if there was one iota of truth in that "fact", it would have been related to

iota of truth in that "fact", it would have been relayed to us by all means possible 10 times each day.

It is my belief that influential businessmen are behind the mass and uncontrollable immigration into Britain. It is logical to assume that if the minimum wage in the East European countries is £2 per hour and £7 per hour over here, and the borders are open, they will come by the thousands, accept £5 per hour, take the will come by the thousands, accept £5 per hour, take the job and keep their mouths shut. They win, the employer wins and the British workforce loses. This is where the fairytale was born – "the immigrants are doing the jobs the Brits will not". I was fortunate and never on the dole during my working life, but I cannot conceive anyone being sent to

ing life, but I cannot conceive anyone being sent to fill a job vacancy, turning up the next day and saying to the dole official the work was too hard, too dirty or too wet, and the official saying "Okay, go back on the dole, we'll give it to an immigrant".

Hans Christian Andersen had more believable plots than that.

BOB WYDELL

Oswestry

God did a great job

I JUST wonder about things. I look up into the night sky and wonder at the vastness, I look out across the valley and wonder at the beauty of

and wonder at the beauty of the many shades of green of the trees and fields.

I stop to look at a flower and wonder at the delicate and intricate way it is formed, and it came from a

formed, and it came from a tiny seed planted in the soil. I don't know how long God took to create the world or what methods he used, but he made a great job of it and everything in it has a purpose, even little old me.

RON JONES
OSWESTY

Andersen Public sector firms never learn

THE BBC has suspended its chief technology officer and admitted wasting nearly £100m of tax-payers' money on a five-year project intended to make the corporation "tapeless", saying that to continue with the project would be "throwing good money after bad".

The Digital Media Initiative (DMI) was supposed to create a production

was supposed to create a production system linked to the BBC's huge broadcasting archive, but flaws in the system peaked in April when instead of

streamlining access to old video footage it brought news departments trying to locate archived Margaret Thatcher footage, to an effective standstill.

It is not only that our money could

have been spent better on nurses, doctors and therapists, fire and ambulance staff, teachers and the like. It is that those procuring public sector technology never seem to learn.

You can have your cake and eat it, if you shop around a little better and

have a well defined technology brief.

There is even now a transactional revenue model for such contracts, meaning that you don't have to pay the bulk of the contractor's fee until the technology is correctly deployed and people are successfully using it.

It really is as easy as ABC; so would someone please tell the BBC?

MARK COLONNESE

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THERE must have been countless photographs taken over the years of Whittington Castle, but this is a somewhat unusual angle. It is a postcard published by Wildings and now in the huge postcard collection of Shropshire collector Ray Farlow. It probably dates from 100 years ago or slightly more.

Tracing the families of the adopted

SEARCHING your family history and discovering your roots is of great interest to many people. But for those who are adopted, searching can be more complex, challenging and emotional.

People may like to know the British Association for

People may like to know the British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF) has recently updated its practical guide for adopted people "Tracing Birth Relatives" to help any-one searching for members

of their birth family to do so safely and effectively.

This free guide is full of information and advice.

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Charities must fund cruelty-free methods

RESEARCH on genetically modified mice is resulting in nightmarish animal suffering and the development of ineffective drugs and unsuccessful clinical trials.

A new report by our scientific consultant describes how mice are being genetically programmed to suffer lethal seizures, burst hearts and to rip at their own flesh. Others are poisoned, injected with acid or given electric shocks.

GM mice are used in about 1.5 million "procedures" in UK labs every year. But medical progress is as far away as ever. That's because experimenting on mice will not produce results applicable to people. Many of the experiments are paid for by health charities. Please help us to convince them to fund only state-of-the art, cruelty-free methods. ANDREW TYLER
Director, Animal Aid

Students could claim TV refund

TV License students from Shropshire who are moving back home from university and college for the holidays they could be eligible for a refund of almost £37 on the final quarter of their TV Licence.

To be eligible, students need to have a TV licence, be leaving their halls or rented accommodation and moving back to a licensed address.

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in October 2012 cost £145.50 so the refund is £363.37. You need a TV Licence to watch or record programmes at the same time as they are shown on TV, whether on TV sets, or other devices. Fill in an online form at: www.tvli censing.co.uk/stu dentinfo Or call TV Licensing on 200, 790 6090.

ing on 0300 790 6090.

MARK WHITEHOUSE
TV Licensing

No hidina place for county's creatures

I WAS fortunate to visit "leafy Surrey" recently. There is so much woodland

"leafy Surrey" recently. There is so much woodland in that county, the verges are uncut and full of long grasses and wild flowers, so many trees grow close to and line the roads creating long beautiful green tunnels which, as you drive through them, are quite magical as the sun filters silver and gold through the leaves.

I was struck by the comparison to Shropshire's roads and landscape of short verges and very large open treeless, hedgeless fields. These open fields, some expansive ones observable on the road from Shrewsbury to Oswestry, are easy to farm but poor for wildlife, and one can see here another factor in the decline of birds, insects and bees. If you factor in the big push to build many more houses in Shropshire, I fear the wildlife in our county is set to markedly decline further. One thing which might

Shropshire, I fear the wildlife in our county is set to markedly decline further. One thing which might help to mitigate wildlife decline might be to require farmers who have created these vast open fields to plant double hedges around the perimeter of such fields, with a three to six-foot gap between the hedges, which would act as wildlife corridors and habitat.

Can anyone tell me if there is a legal limit to the size of large field that a farmer can create by the removal of hedging?

In the long run vast expansive open fields may be detrimental to farming and public interest in that soil erosion and rapid flood water run-off will be much more likely.

J McCARTHY Oswestry

Trust thanks its helpers

THE Children's Trust is celebrating Volunteers' Week by acknowledging the work of the 520 people in the UK who selflessly gave up an amazing 120,763 hours last year for the charity.

They have helped from giving support during children's therapy sessions, organising fundraising events driving to yolungers.

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course available for all 17 to 25 year olds who have passed their driving test.

The course costs £20 and consists of a two-and-a-half hour theory session and a nine-hour practical session.

Councillor Barry Thomas said: "There is no test but the course may reduce your insurance by making you a safer driver. To book a place or for details visit www.drag-ondriver.com"

Senior drivers can have

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Senior drivers can have their skills assessed thanks to Drive On. A one-hour assessment will be done by approved driving instructors and it is free to residents aged 55 and over.
Motorcyclists are also invited to participate in the Ride On one-day course delivered in partnership with the Shropshire and Powys Advanced Riders group. For details contact the Road Safety Unit on 07909 895346, or e-mail road.safety@powys. gov.uk

Green energy development the road PEOPLE living in the Welsh government. Pows County Coun

The converted barn, is the base of local biomass energy business EGNISCO, and is powered by solar and hydro electricity, heated with biomass and insulated throughout.

The barn is the first stage of a planned phased development of former agricultural buildings into green offices and is relevant to Mr Davies's parliamentary work as he has recently joined the All Party Parliamentary Group on Biomass.

After cutting a ribbon, he had the opportunity to see the working wood chip biomass

by Graham Breeze

Project to mark war centenary

WELSHPOOL residents are being asked to contribute to a project that will form part of a national remembrance of the centenary of World World of World War I.

Powys County Council's built heritage rows country contacts built heritage team is preparing for a project that will allow local communities, and especially young people, to gain a deeper understand-ing about World War I; as well as helping to secure war memorials into the future.

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The project covers aspects of social history, education and built heritage conservation, each underpinned by community involvement.

The council is submitting a Heritage Lottery Fund bid next month and is looking for any expressions of support for the project; as well as information about other projects being planned in the county around the remembrance of the centenary of World War I.

War I.
Further information e-mail Cyllene Grif-fiths on cyllene.griffiths@powys.gov.uk

tunity to see the working wood chip biomass boiler which heats the site and inspect EGNISCO's wood chip store which boasts the only ambient air drying facility for wood chip in Wales.

As a longstanding opponent of wind farm and pylon development in Mid Wales, Mr Davies said that the sort of projects promoted by EGNISCO which meet heat needs from local resources represented a form of renewable energy which he could wholeheartedly support.

He said: "I am hugely supportive of EGNISCO's biomass development. I hope it will become a template for similar schemes across the country. Not only is it an efficient, renewable energy project with no negative impacts on the landscape, it has full community backing, and has the potential to boost the local economy through development of local forestry projects. It's a scheme

to boost the local economy through development of local forestry projects. It's a scheme that wins in every way possible."

Stephen Drummond, a partner in EGNISCO, said: "Biomass heating represents a great opportunity for economic growth in rural Powys. Financial support by Government for biomass through the mechanism of the Renewable Heat Incentive makes wood burning boilers an extremely attractive financial option across a wide range of applications.

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"Meeting heat needs from local resources creates jobs in rural areas and keeps more of the economic benefits within the local community."



Glyn Davies MP cuts the ribbon to open new low carbon offices at Meifod with EGNISCO partners Stephen Drummond and Marc Jones.

offering hope to

MACMILLAN Cancer Sup

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has rearranged a free course in Welshpool to help people to manage the psychological impact of a cancer diagnosis.

The programme will be held at The Armoury on Mondays for six weeks starting on June 10. The course has been rescheduled from its original date in April.

Called Helping to Overcome Problems Effectively (HOPE), Macmillan's new self-management programme will run from 10am-12.30pm. Macmillan is offering HOPE to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis and it is the first time the charity has run the programme in Wales.

charity has run the programme in Wales.
It is designed as a 'psychological intervention', with topics including managing stress, fatigue and body image and living positively with the fear of recurrence. Susan Morris, general manager for Macmillan in Wales, said: "Macmillan is delighted to be offering HOPE for the first time in Wales as the programme can give people the tools they need to manage the psychogive people the tools they need to manage the psycho-logical consequences of liv-ing with cancer." To register, email Genette Webster at gwebster@

To register, email Genette Webster at gwebster@macmillan.org.uk. To find out about how you can help Macmillan, call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising.

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Tickets on sale for town's annual charity bonanza

Win's scarecrows top poll

WHEN the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway announced a scarecrow competition as part of its Swing-ing Sixties weekend, Win Williams was keen to have a

go.

Helped by mum Tanya,
12-year-old Win constructed
two giant versions of children's TV favourites Andy
Pandy and Looby Loo,
mainly using rolled-up

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The two were among a number of scarecrows placed along the line to delight visitors travelling on the rail-way over the Swinging Sixties weekend, held to celebrate the line's golden anniversary of preservation.

Excellent

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Railway passengers were asked to vote for their favourite scarecrows and when the votes were counted Win's were way out in front, earning him a family ticket for the railway.

"We saw some excellent scarecrows over the weekend but Win's effort certainly went the extra yard or two," said Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway spokesman Andrew Charman.

man.
The railway's year of celebration will climax with the Steam Gala on August 31 and September 1 and details



Win Williams pictured with his winning

of attractions will be announced closer to

of attractions will be announced closer to the event.

Opened in 1903 to link the market town of Welshpool to the rural community of Llanfair Caereinion, the two foot six inch narrow gauge steam railway now provides a tourist service for all the family and a welcome change from the rush of every day life. Built as a light railway to avoid some of the costs of railway construction, the narrow gauge allows for tight curves and steep gradients, enabling the line to follow the contours of the countryside.

All of the trains are steam hauled, either by one of the railway's unique original loco-

by one of the railway's unique original loco-motives or one from abroad.

TICKETS have gone on sale for Welshpool's annual charity event and organisers are hoping to top last year's £6,300 takings.

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This year's event, which takes place on June 29 at Maesydre School will be in aid of The Afghanistan Trust and Healing The Wounds with donations also going to other local causes.

The event was originally launched as Help For Heroes by a group of former Welshpool military men and their partners and has grown into the town's biggest annual charity occasion.

National charities and many local organisations have benefited from the group's fundraising activities which have proved successful despite being hit by bad weather conditions in recent years.

Overdue

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Bands and singers will be playing throughout the day on the school field and Waterloo Rovers Football Club will be supporting the event by staging a mini It's A Knockout competition.

"There will also be stalls and bouncy castles to keep the children occuried" said

"There will also be stalls and bouncy castles to keep the children occupied," said Nicola Davies, one of the organisers.

"The gates open at 1pm and tickets are already selling well. They are £6 if bought before the day and £8 on the day. Ticket prices do not include the food."

Last year's event raised £6,300 which was presented to The Afghanistan Trust, Healing The Wounds, The Renal Unit, Air Ambulance, St Johns, MEDS, Sally's Shining Star, The MS Society and donations were given to Maesydre School and local athlete Adele Nicoll.

Tickets are available by calling Nicola Davies on 01938 555170, Jean Gannon on 01938 555175 and Julie Rogers on 554188 and will also be available on the gate.

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in brief

Crowds out to see first run at castle

ENDURANCE ace Tim Davies ran a brilliant time to win the first Powis Cas-tle Half Marathon last Sunday.

Sunday.

Davies led home a field of 150 runners in a time of one hour, 15 minutes and 38 seconds for the first ever half marathon held in Welshpool, and hopefully it will be the first of many as glorious sunshine brought out an enthusiastic crowd.

The event was organ.

The event was organ-ised by Rhino Pursuits and attracted entries from many in the area who had used it as a target to get fit or for raising money for local causes.

Becky Lewis brought the ladies home in a time of 1:29:36, the final run-ner's time was 3:17:00.

Fun pre-school offer for parents

PARENTS and carers of pre-school children as well as expectant parents are invited to attend free fun activities at Ty Emrallt, Oldford School, each Wednesday between 11am

Wednesday between 11am and 1pm.
Free refreshments and snecks are available and for further information contact Barbara on 07974997430 or Sarah on (01938) 558946.

(01936) 305946.
Parents and pre-school children are also invited to the free play sessions to be held at Ty Emrallt on Tuesdays, June 4, 11 and 18 from 10am.

Top flight aircraft lined up for big display at air show

clear skies with an impressive line-up of aircraft set to visit Welshpool on Sunday.

And organisers have appealed to residents to go to the airfield on Forden Road to support the event, rather than watch from surrounding hillsides.

A statement said: "Without the gate income the show does not happen. With ticket prices at just £5 per adult and £3 per child people are urged to come to the site and

by Graham Breeze

Festival's real Euro flavour

WELSHPOOL is set to host a festival with a distinctly European flavour.

The Traditional European Food and Craft Fair will be held on June 23 from 9am-5pm when the town centre will be transformed into a bustling market place.

Professional continental market traders from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Holland, Poland and many more countries will be wearing traditional costumes and selling high quality products.

"There will be cuisine from across the Continent and Welshpool will be trans-formed for the day," said a spokesperson for the organisers.

"As well as all of these delectable tasty goods, visitors will also be able to choose from a wide range of products including hand bags and leather items, Marseille soaps, lavender, children's toys and pashminas. There really will be something for everyone." everyone.

i people are urged to come to the site and enjoy the atmosphere there rather than view from the surrounding hillside."

It has now been confirmed that alongside the planes listed including a Vulcan, Lancaster, Spitfire, Hurricane and Typhoon, a Chinook will also feature.

The organisers have also apologised in advance for the added noise created by the show.

"Residents farmers and owners of live

stock and pets should note that aircraft can be noisy.

Expected

"We apologise for this but it is inevitable in an Air Show," said the state-

ment.
There is a free bus service running to the show from the Tourist Information Centre starting at 10.30am.
Provided by Tanat Valley the shuttle service will run every 45 minutes.
The 2013 line up for displays include the Avro Vulcan XH558; RAF Eurofighter Typhoon; North American Harvard G-TXAN and aerobatics from the RV8tors and Lauren Richardson in her Pitts Spend and Lauren Richardson in her Pitts Spe

Back again this year is the Battle of

Britain Memorial Flight.
Displays are expected to start at 12.30pm and finish with the RAF Falcons parachute display around 4.40pm.



Peter Greenrod, with his Bede BD 4 plane, preparing for the show on Sunday.

During gaps in the flying programme the Transport Festival arena to will con-tain over 100 classic vehicles. On the ground there are flight simula-tors, static displays, food and refreshment

stalls, go karts, bouncy castle, Mid Wales Model Boat Club with their sailing pond, face painting and a walkabout enter-tainer. For more information visit: www.welshpoolairshow.co.uk

heading

WELSHPOOL Sharks Swimming Club is edging closer to its third finals day in as many years after mov-ing up to fourth in the West Midland and Manchester Junior League.

The youngsters were sec-ond from six clubs at the lat-est round in Redditch, finishing behind Northamp-ton.

The finish secured a place in the finals and another strong showing would see

in the finals and another strong showing would see them move to the league's top division. Meanwhile, the club is in pole position in their Welsh League, needing one more win to tie up the junior title. Thirteen of the club's swim-mers have also made Welsh qualifying times this year. Coach Peter Swanton

qualifying times this year.
Coach Peter Swanton
said: "For such a small club
that has limited hours in the
pool, these swimmers have
bags of potential. These
swimmers are certainly putting Welshpool on the map
with many coming a long
way since starting."

Road rally date

THE Breidden Road Rally, organised by the Welsh Bor-der Car Club, is on the night of August 24 at Welshpool of August 24 at Welshpool and funds raised go to Can-cer Research. The event will be held over 125 miles on local lanes and attracts a huge following.

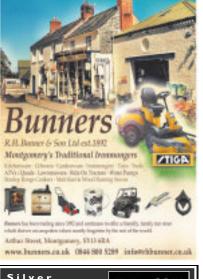
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Albion Hill are now run and with a serious ing.

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Oswestry Herbarium is the ideal place to find all your herbal remedies with a full dispensing service. There's also

Lomi Lomi and Indian Head massages available. Oswestry Kebab Shop has recently been completely refurbished with a wide and varied menu, offering kebabs, pizza and burgers and is a popular takeaway venue.

The Griffin Inn is a well established hotel in the centre

The Griffin Imn is a well established hotel in the centre of Albion Hill offering a wide range of beers and an extensive food menu. There's also live music, an open mic event and local acts performing.

Relate recently moved into bigger premises on Albion Hill and are actively looking for volunteers to help man the charity shop which contains furniture, household goods, books and games.

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in brief

History group to visit workhouse

OSWESTRY & Border History & Archaeology Group's programme of summer visits continues on June 14 when there will be an evening visit to Llanfyllin Workhouse with Hoether Hidden with Heather Hidden.

Members will meet at the Cain Valley Hotel in Llanfyllin at 7pm. New members and visitors are welcome on these visits.

For further informa-tion, contact Heather Hidden on (01691) 662602 or e-mail heather.hidden@ btinternet.com

Full details of the remaining lectures in the 2013 season are available at Oswestry Library and on the web page at www.pastcaring.com/OB HAG

Two park dates for silver band

AN OPEN air music concert will be performed at Oswestry's Cae Glas Park on two days this month when Porthywaen Silver Band take over the bandstand.

Following popular per-formances last summer, the band will be perform-ing on June 8 and 23 from 2pm until 4pm on each day.

There will not be any admission charge and park visitors are welcome to take along chairs, rugs and picnics to enjoy the music

Pledge on youth cafe despite loss of job in funding crisis

confident the service can continue despite a funding crisis.

ment were voted back to post.
"The group heard that there was not sufficient funding available to retain funding manager lan Wilson after May 31 but thanks to a local donation through Com-

local donation through Community Aid Foundation of £5,000 the cafe co-ordinator post is secured for at least six months.

"They recognised the need to recruit some new volunteers to support the day-to-day administration at the cafe currently undertaken by the present manager Ian Wilson.

"Management group members were tasked with looking to attract new people to assist in the skill set to

funding crisis.

But they say they don't have enough cash to keep their funding manager employed at the Oswald Road base.

The cafe's committee said funding manager lan Wilson's employment would have to end but he has agreed to work as a volunteer.

The group's financial woes were spelt out at its annual general meeting, chairman Greg Hickman said, but he added the committee was confident the service could continue.

He said: "At the annual general meeting held at the cafe last week the current teal last week the current members of the management group meeting held at the cafe last week the current teal possible to be considered to the cafe."

The management group was advised that the present to post.

reserves will maintain the reserves will maintain the current expenditure until the end of October and that applications are in hand to replenish funds by that time. "Oswestry Youth Cafe is a

vital provider of youth pro-vision in the town and we are committed to remaining

The cafe which offers a range of sessions and attracts more than 30 young people to its games sessions and Friday night activity session.

session.

Anyone interested in sup-porting the youth cafe should contact (01691) 656559 or visit www.ozy outh. co.uk

New village B&B wins national accolade



Mark Dann, from the Big Bear Lodge

A BED and breakfast lodge near Oswestry which was only opened eight months ago is officially the second most friendly in Britain. The Big Bear Lodge at Melverley, run by Mark and Rachael Dann, took the run-ner-up spot in the AA Friendliest Bed and Break-fast of the Year 2013. Since opening, the bed &

stof the Year 2013.
Since opening, the bed & breakfast has attracted guests from as far away as California and Russia, as well as celebrities including Doug Scott, the first man to climb the south-west face of Mount Everest.

Mr Dann travelled to London for the awards ceremony where he was presented with a glass vase after being announced as the second prize winner.

He said: "All the bed and breakfasts that were nominated were four or five starrated, all very high end, and to think that a new bed and

to think that a new bed and breakfast from little old Melverley could come second is just fantastic.

"We've had two AA inspections in eight months to make sure we're bang

01691 668094 bring in £4,000 for

have thanked generous residents after collections made for Christian Aid Week raised more than £4,000.

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During the week, from May 12 to 18, churches ran a coffee morning, held a special service and made street collections in Cross Street and outside Sainsbury's .

Door-to-door collections were also carried out.

Richard Beaman, who co Richard Beaman, who co-ordinated the collections, said: "The week began with a coffee morning on the first Saturday, and was followed by a service on the Sunday evening at which Rob Kel-sall from Christian Aid linked our Christian beliefs with those in need through-out the world.
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out the world.

"I am very appreciative of those who had collected door to door. There was £122 given at the service, £150 was donated in the collection at The Cross and £277 donated at Sainsbury's on Saturday morning. So far I have banked over £4,000."

Club fundraiser

GIBSONS nightclub in New Street, Oswestry, is planning a gentlemen's evening on Sunday to raise funds for testicular cancer. It starts at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £7 and will be available on the door or on 07943 840392. Group discounts are available.

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Enjoy
This year's festival will have a food area outside the Town Hall with a hog roast, Polish sausages, hot dogs, pizza, barbecue pork, barbecue beef, dragon eggs, crepes, ice cream and

Inside the Town Hall and the Market Hall you can enjoy Indian and Spanish food a beer from Stonehouse Brewery, a glass of wine or a pint of

You can try cakes, pate, fish, fudge, Belgian chocolate, pies, pasties, liqueurs, chutney, flavoured oils and

vinegars.

There will also be ranges of cheese, jam, fruit and vegetables, vodkas, bread, pork, beef and everything else you can think of.



Max Plastow and Tom Kent of Ellesmere Fruit and Veg were busy at last year's festival.

It's also free to enter so the message is take the family and have a fun filled weekend.

This year the theme is The Simpsons so get dressed up and join in the fun on June 15 and 16.

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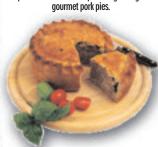
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KEY Stage One pupils enjoyed a day outside the classroom at Attingham Park.

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Year 1 and 2 pupils from
the prep department at Bellan House stepped inside the
home to spend the day "living in the past" as servants
working in the "big house".
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working in the "big house".
They appreciated dressing up and learning what life was like for kitchen staff in the 18th century. Activities included working in the kitchen, making lavender bags and laying a tea tray for the lady of the house.
The recention class

The reception class roamed the grounds hunting for mini beasts and visited

for mini beasts and visited the deer park.

They enjoyed going on a tractor ride and being taken on a woodland walk investigating the animals that lived in the wood.

Mrs Sue Edwards (Head of KSI) said: "The children enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, which help strengthen their understanding of topics introduced within the classroom."

Celebrity speaker

Oswestry School visited the council chambers in the Guildhall to meet celebrity Adam Corbally, who took part in the BBC series The Apprentice. He talked about his life and work.

Students Youngsters given an award spend day Youngsters given an award tingham for their bulb-planting skills at a day outside the

PUPILS from Oswestry School have been awarded the Oswestry in Bloom Bulb Cup for their green-fingered efforts.

Year 3 pupils from Oswestry School's prep department, Bellan House, were visited by Betty Gull from the Oswestry in Bloom committee.

Betty Gull from the Oswestry in Bloom committee.

She attended to talk to them about their competition entry and then presented them with the cup and certificates. This was extremely exciting for the pupils who had spent many weeks waiting for their bulbs to appear after planting them in the school's Forest School area earlier this year.

Much thought had gone into where to place the bulbs so that this would not be the only year that they appeared.

The bulbs were planted last trees that were planted last were but the scentring dass.

trees that were planted last year by the reception class. The pupils hoped that by planting in this way the daffodils would spread along the pathway in the future. Part of the planting project this year was to keep a diary of the progress made. Miss Gull said that the judges were particularly impressed with the last page of the Year 3 diary, which contained some pressed flowers from the pathway. Mrs Di Arnold, Year 3 teacher, said: "Our weekly visits to Forest School have been extremely beneficial

been extremely beneficial for the pupils to observe how plants develop and how hands-on learning outdoors can be combined with valu-able lessons in the class-

room.
"We have also learned to whittle wood and made a wattle and daub fence."

Chess duo focus on megafinal



Ben Tidridge, left, and Hamish Coutts-Britton qualified for regional chess megafinal. TWO pupils from Oswestry School qualified

TWO pupils from Oswestry School qualified for the recent regional megafinal of the national DeLauncey Chess competition.

The prep department of Oswestry School Bellan House has a thriving chess club which has started competing in national competitions. Hamish Coutts-Britton (Year 3) and Ben Tidridge (Year 4) accumulated points to reach the regional megafinal held in Worcester.

This was their first experience of national competition so they learned a great deal about tactics.

Hamish's final match was a long, drawn-out affair which lasted 50 minutes and was decided on points as the competitors went over time. This decision cost him qualifica-tion fourths gizeffoot

over time. This decision cost him qualifica-tion for the gigafinal.

Michael Birchwood, chess club leader said he was very proud of both boys.

chance for **Matthew**



Matthew Master

A SIXTH-form pupil from Oswestry School has been selected with students from all over the world to take part in the Global Young Leaders Conference in July.

Leaders Conference in July.

Matthew Masters from
Oswestry School will travel
to Washington DC and New
York to take part in a unique
leadership development conference organised by the
Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

The theme of this confer-

The theme of this conference is The Leaders of Tomorrow Preparing for the Global Challenges and Responsibilities of the Future.

Matthew hopes that this opportunity will help him in the field of aeronautical engineering which he wishes to explore after leaving school

school.

He said: "I wish to thank the Rotary Club of Oswestry and JRP Solutions for their very kind support which has enabled me to attend the conference.

"It is an opportunity that I could not have taken with-

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Miss Betty Gull, left, Mrs Di Arnold, Year 3 teacher, right, with pupils from Oswestry School who won Oswestry in Bloom Bulb Cup.











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Bengal Spices owner Mizanur Chowdhury, left, and chef Anand George collect the Curry House of the Year award.

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A CURRY house at Llanymynech has been named the best in Wales.

Bengal Spices was described by the judges as a "colourful haven delivering tasty quality food in a rural location."

The title of Welsh Curry House of the Year 2013 comes after Bengal Spices won the regional title last year. Owner Mizanur Chowdhury said the

Owner Mizanur Chowdhury said the success was due in part to his regular customers, some of whom travel many miles to eat at the restaurant.

"It was great to win the national title

"It was great to win the national title after winning the regional award I must thank my customers who are very loyal."

Celebrated

After a visit by mystery judges, Mr Chowdhury, who is also the chef at the restaurant, had to travel to Cardiff to prepare five dishes for a panel of experts.

In awarding the restaurant the title Niaz Taj, one of the judges, said: "The commitment of the owner to deliver tasty quality food in such a rural location is something we believe should be celebrated."

He said the judges had been impressed by the warm welcome they received when they visited Bengal Spices.

Spices. "This small cottage has been transformed into a colourful haven serving traditional Bangladeshi food to a grateful and loyal rural community," he said.

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The property benefits from large private land scaped gardens with a number of mature shrubs and ornamental trees



ing together with access to the double garage block, which also has a room above which could be used for a number of purposes

The property is on the market at a guide price of £475.000.

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Modern family house offers plenty of space

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- opment on the outskirts of the town of Oswestry

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- Terraced Stone Built Cottage Requires Modernisation & Refurbishment Comprises, Living Room, Dining, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom Gardens with adjoining Brook EPC Rating E

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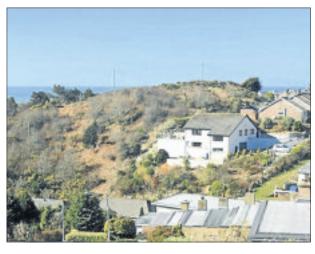


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SALLY slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 393469 🛭

I'M Julie 36yrs old, attractive, fit, blonde, solvent with OHAC seeking man to spoil and enjoy good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 395051

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artwork at school

A TELEVISION antiques expert will auction paintings at a school's summer ball.
Adoote School for Girls in Little Ness, near Oswestry, will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday at 7.30pm.

7.30pm.
Fine art director at Shrewsbury-based Halls auctioneers, Jeremy Lamond, an expert on BBC1's Bargain Hunt, will sell work by pupils and local artists. Parents can also bid for the chance for their daughter to be be

the chance for their daughter to be head for the day.

There will be a raffle with prizes from local companies including a meal at La Becasse in Ludlow.

All proceeds will go towards creating a performing arts centre at the school.

After school hours it will After school hours it will open to community

groups.

The black tie event, organised by Friends of Adcote School is being sponsored by Furrows Ford.

For tickets call Adcote School on 01939 260202.

Sheriff's lunch

MEMBERS of the Ellesmere Support Group of the Severn Hospice welcomed the High Sheriff of Shropshire to their annual Sunday lunch. More than 100 people heard Diana Flint explain about the origins of the high sheriff's office.

Expert to Animal crime threat grows

GLOBALLY, there are few more iconic animals than the panda, the elephant, the rhino, the tiger and the snow leopard.

These creatures may live on different continents, but they all share similarities, they are all threatened by man.

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In human society, generally speaking, the more beautiful and/or powerful someone is, the more successful they inevitably are. In the rest of the animal kingdom, that combination is a death sentence. Whales, big cats, pretty birds, large fish and awesome reptiles; they're all approaching or on the endangered list.

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For me and I'm sure many of you, seeing the majesty of a snow leopard or meeting the stare of a tiger, whether in the wild of elsewhere, evokes feelings of anything but hate, profit or crime. But for some in the UK, wildlife crime is a thriving business and according to police, it's on the rise.

In fact the rural crime-wave is threatening the very survival of some species even within the UK. Crimes against bats have increased by 10 per cent a year since 2007, and the loss of one roost can be a severe blow to populations that are already vulnerable, according to the Bat Conservation Trust.

It has been illegal to collect bird eggs since 1954 yet in recent years the RSPB has received thousands of reports of shooting, poisoning, trapping and disturbing birds and their eggs.

In a peculiar twist to this law however, in the 1960s, the naturalist Derek Ratcliffe compared peregrine falcon eggs from historical collections with more recent egg-shell samples, and was able to demonstrate a decline in shell thickness.

This was found to cause the link between the use by farmers of pesticides such as DDT and the decline of British populations of

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crime."

Conservationists, including the RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts, are calling for a radical shake-up of wildlife policing, and claim that an inconsistent response to crime by police means criminals are able to break the law with little fear of being caught. Just three per cent of wildlife crimes resulted in convictions in 2009, for example.

In 2012, Shropshire was unenviably ranked as the top county in the Midlands for crimes against birds.

The society's annual Birdcrime report said in Shropshire during 2011 there were 15 reported cases of poisoning, shooting and trapping for buzzards, barn owls, hawks and other species.

Sadly it is not just big news stories concerning large animals in far off lands that need our urgent attention as naturalists. It is important that those who care for the natural world and our natural heritage, help to fight against such offences.

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Snow Leopard - oil on board - by Ben Waddams.

Shop boss shares her plans for

premises will help a town's aim of bringing empty rooms above shops back into

use.

Tasanee Brandon wants to relocate her Beadazzled store from premises on one side of Beatrice Street in Oswestry to a larger property on the other side of the read

erty on the other side of the road.

And the plans also include the development of a rentable one-bedroom flat on the first floor.

In her application she says this meets one of the main strategies of the Oswestry Joint Economic Board, a unique partnership between Shropshire and Oswestry Town councils.

The board is encouraging landlords to bring rooms

landlords to bring rooms above town centre shops back into use either as flats

above town centre snops back into use either as flats or shops.

Mrs Brandon said: "We want to move and use the space above the new shop for a new flat. I am also looking to expend into metal and silversmithing and hopefully we can even start teaching that when we move."

An access and design statement lodged with Shropshire Council says the property had been used a shop in the past but has been vacant for some time.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by July 8.

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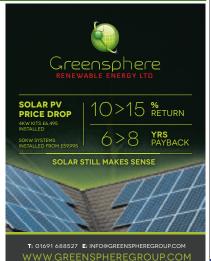


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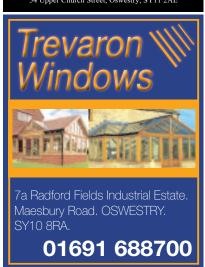


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Homeowners are able to install a series of green measures including wall and loft insulation; double glazing; door insulation and enter the series of the series of

insulation and smart meters.

The measures are aimed at reducing demand on energy and once they have been installed homeowners can expect to pay less to heat their homes and cut

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The other types of measures covered by the Green Deal are 'energy in' such as: Solar power, both thermal and photovoltaic panels; air and ground source heat pumps and biomass boilers.

Upgraded

Because these types of technology use less power to heat your water and home, the idea is that you will be cutting your energy bill in the long term.

Each property will have to be rigorously inspected by a Green Deal accredited advisor to see which measures will text at the best excelled.

return the best results.

The Green Deal for homes will enable up to 26 million homes to be upgraded over the next 25 years.

Once the assessment has been made of the property the advisor will make suggestions to the home owner of Green Deal providers and Green Deal Plan will be written outlining the work to be car-

All Green Deal providers and materi-



Workmen are busy installing solar panels on to homes as part of The Green Deal.

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IN CHALLENGING times, more people are turning to camping for holidays than ever.

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The first ingredient of successful camp-

The first ingredient of successful camping is a good plan.

Consider the time, destination, activities, food, personal equipment and organisation of group tasks.

The pre-planning for a trip depends on the amount of time you have. Will the trip be just for the morning or afternoon? Will it be for overnight, for a weekend or longer?

Backpacking trips and long camping

an evening cookout.
You may even need to plan far enough in advance to obtain a permit or make a reservation.

Careful

Your destination will determine how carefully you plan the trip. As much information as possible should be gathered about the selected destination so that accurate planning and preparation can be word.

Considerations of climate and length of trip dictate the amount and type of clothing to take.
You should make careful purchases for locations where shopping is impossible.

Drinking water may have to be transported to areas where no water is available.

It is important that you organise each day's activities, then plan the equipment,



Make sure you are properly prepared in advance when organising that camping holiday.

clothing and meals around them. A long afternoon hike, for example, will allow just enough time for a one pot meal to simmer on the coals. For an all-day hike, on the other hand, plan a hearty breakfast, a simple sack lunch carried in a day pack or sack around the belt, and a snack

If you intend to return to camp late, plan a meal that is quick to pre-

pare or was left to cook while you were away.

A detailed plan to involve all the camping participants will make your experience more satisfying for everyone. This plan will vary depending on the numbers and ages of those in the group and the activities already

For example, if your first meal at camp has already been cooked, this will give campers more time to unpack and get settled.

If campers are involved beforehand in organising the trip, if they know exactly what needs to be done, and if each of them has chosen a particular assignment for which he or she will be responsible, every-thing should run smoothly. Children as well as adults will gain more from the camping experi-ence if they share responsibilities.

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GIG GUIDE

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7.5% has concert in town

with Edward



Friday. world-renowned Grosvenor first came to the attention of music fans after winning the Key-board Final of the 2004 BBC Young Musician Competition at the age of

Even at such a young age it was apparent that he was a prodigious talent and by the age of 13 he was playing at the world famous Carnegie Hall.

Since then he's gone on to perform with some of the most respected orchestras from around the world

orchestras from around the world including the likes of the New York Philharmonic and Tokyo Symphony. I'd suggest that everyone, even those with just a passing interest in classical music, go check this out, he's really that good.

The concert begins at 7.30pm with thick to exit of 13 few olds and 60

for children. For more information ring 01691 681 135.

ring 01691 681 135.

The same night the Royal Oak, Welshpool, will have music from the



Ben Grosvenor performing in Oswestry.

superb Nikki Rous. Having taught herself guitar at 16, Nikki has since supported such well known acts as Supergrass and The Pogues. Most recently she was the warm up act for Jamariquai's gij in Birmingham. Armed with her trusty guitar, Nikki plays heartfelt acoustic songs in the

vein of Tracy Chapman or Joni Mitchell.

The most striking element of her performances is her amazing singing, which comes from being classically trained.

You can expect original material as You can expect original material as well as a few covers by the likes of Nina Simone and the Red Hot Chilli Peppers. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry. Dangerous Dave will performing at

the Lowefield Inn. Marton, on Friday

the Lowefield Inn, Marton, on Friday night. It starts at 8pm and is free.
The Golden Lion Hotel, Llanymynech will be holding an open mic night on Monday. Any style of music is welcome.

As always the Ironworks will be holding its own open mic night, Limelight, on Tuesday. If you haven't been along, Limelight let's you take to the stage whatever your talent.

It's presented by resident host Tom Stedman and starts at 9pm.
Finishing off the week is People's Vinyl Collective at The Ironworks. It's the event that lets you take over

It's the event that lets you take over as DJ, just bring along five of your

The night is hosted by Eclectics Neil Phillips. It's free and is at 9pm.

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Artists will open up their studios for public viewing

Art project all sewn up



A SERIES of art workshops is being held to create a 20ft wall hanging which will brighten up Oswestry's new £2.2 million youth centre. The town's award-winning Project Group art organisation has been commissioned to carry out the work for The Centre in Oak Street. Members of the group are collaborating with the Shropshire Youth Oswestry organisation and other users of The Centre in the work. The workshops are free and young people are being encouraged to attend tomorrow, Friday, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and the last workshop will be held on June 18. Sewing some of the pieces for the wall hanging are Tray Roberts and Nicky Glover.

ARTISTS from Oswestry will be opening their studios to give visitors a glimpse into the creative process during June.

Members of the Borderland Visual Arts group will be taking part in the annual open art studios event and will be holding a group show from June 8 in the Willow Gallery,

Oswestry.

The exhibition will run until June 23.

Sample

Group member Gill Crozier said: "This is an exhibition to enable people to see samples of artworks by members of Borderland Visual Arts including those taking part in the annual open studios event.

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"All of the artists taking part in Open Stu-dios 2013 will be displaying work in the group show. Established in 1999, this is Bor-derland Visual Arts 13th annual open stu-

derland Visual Arts 13th annual open stu-dios event.

"We currently have 64 members working in disciplines as varied as painting, textiles, sculpture, printmaking, woodcarving, glass and metalwork, many of whom are opening

and metalwork, many of whom are opening their studio doors to the public on the weekends of June 15 and 16 and June 22 and 23. "Visitors are welcome to come and have a look at our studios and our work. You may even catch some of us creating when you visit. Many of the studios are also open during the week – others are by appointment only."

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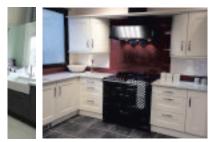


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New-look gazebo is unveiled at hospice

CHILDREN and their families at a children's hospice can enjoy the summer this year no matter the weather thanks to improvements to the organisation's garden gazebo.

Hone House Children's

gazebo.

Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry has had a gazebo in its grounds for a year.

But with the unpredictable British weather, families have often found the weather is too bright or too windy to use it.

The problem has been solved by the introduction of side panels on the gazebo,

side panels on the gazebo,

complete with new artwork.

Artist Gemma Hughes was asked by the hospice to create artwork for the new sides. New art has also been created for the gazebo's ceil-

created for the gazebo's ceiling.

The Red Arrows feature because in the past staff from RAF Shawbury, a keen supporter of the hospice, have organised a fly-past.

Staff from RAF Shawbury's Central Flying School flow to the hospice by beli

flew to the hospice by heli-copter for the formal launch of the new look gazebo with Lt Commander Neil Gamble

Lt Commander Neil Gamble officially opening it.

It will be on show at the hospice's first midnight pyjama walk on June 15. The four-mile walk starts from the hospice grounds in Manda Starge and the starts from the hospice grounds in Manda Starges are till weil. Morda. Spaces are still available and can be booked by calling (01691) 671671.

e on the doorstep of action

by Toby Neal

OUR recent piece about a wartime air crash on the east-ern outskirts of Oswestry involving a plane flying from nearby Rednal airfield has prompted 78-year-old Derek Griffiths to share some of his childhood memories of those days when he lived on the

dorstep of the action.

Mr Griffiths, of Sandringham Avenue,
Oswestry, says: "The Spitfires and Mustangs were flying most days at Rednal. I
can remember the first plane to land at
Rednal, before other runways were com-

Rednal, before other runways were completed, and that was an Avro Anson.
"There was a crash as a Mustang with its Polish pilot crashed next to Mr Jones' farm opposite Rednal station. At one time on the Woodhouse estate by the River Perry a Wellington bomber came down with seven crew and exploded before it hit the ground, sending the engines deep into the ground where they were until they were dug up some years later. I believe that on one occasion a plane taking off belly flopped on to the railway line, blocking the Shrewsbury to Wrexham line.
"There were, I think, six Flying

"There were, I think, six Flying Fortresses at Rednal for a short time. We Fortresses at Rednal for a short time. We were told that the runway was a bit short for them, so when we saw them taking off the wheels only seemed to just clear the hedge at the end of the runway. They were over Babbinswood before they gained any height.

"On one occasion they had Dakotas landing close together, and as they slowed up the ambulances were alongside to take the injured to hospital."

This would have been after D-Day, when Rednal was used as an entry point for injured soldiers being flown home from Normandy for treatment.

"I remember the planes there – Gloster



Derek Griffiths used to live in Rednal and saw a number of plane crashes

Gladiators, Lockheed Lightnings, Mustangs, Spitfires, Mosquitos and so on. The reason I was able to see the different planes going over is that we lived in Woodhouse Drive and my father worked

Woodhouse Drive and my tather worked for Mostyn Owen.

"His name was Leonard – he went as Len – and he was a tractor driver, but he had the fumes from the exhaust going into him and gave that up and went in the hall as a chauffeur."

Mr Griffiths, who was born in 1935, said: "We lived on the drive – Woodhouse Drive. Before you get to the runway, turn left, and there are four semi-detached houses. The RAF billets were opposite. "Certain things stick out in my memory. There was an Australian pilot who was making me a Lancaster bomber out of balsa wood. He did not finish it. "The hospital was by us and I used to

The hospital was by us and I used to bike round and see them in their wheel-



A Spitfire which came to grief at Rednal airfield – it looks like the undercarriage has collapsed. Picture: Alec Brew.



The old control tower of Rednal airfield pictured in 1979

chairs and talk to them by the gate of the hospital, and one fellow came over in a wheelchair one day and broke this news to me that 'Mac' had been shot down. It

was a bit upsetting.

"There was an occasion when an air-craft took off and just dropped down out of the sky, and dropped in Mr Hampson's yard, just beyond Haughton Church."

With all that was going on, it would be heard the sky and dropped in the sky and was a second to the sky and was a sky an

have been a great picture opportunity -

but there is a good reason why Mr Griffiths has no photos.
"I went to the railway bridge near Haughton Church with my camera and was taking photographs of Spitfires down below and whatever planes might be there. All of a sudden a Jeep rode up and one of the RAF men took the camera off me and took the film out and told me not to take nictures of anything else not to take pictures of anything else again. That was the end of that."



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Limousin calves at foot which made £1820 and £1720 (x2). A

made £1820 and £1/20 (x2). A breakdown of the prices achieved where as follows: £2000 + 5 lots, £1800-£2000 8 lots, £1600-£1800 11 lots, £1400 -£1600 20 lots, £1200-£1400 15 lots, £1000-£1200 7

DAIRY COWS

lots.
FORTHCOMING SALES:

Welshpool livestock market

MARKETS

Monday, June 3 OTMS (63) WELSHPOOL Livestock Sales report on possibly one of the best show of quality OTM's on offer at the new Buttington Cross Centre on

Buttington Cross Centre on Monday, June 3, and this was keenly reflected in the outstanding trade. Eleven buyers bid very strongly for the cattle for-ward, having taken six of the plainer cows over 72 months out of the averages the remaining 43 cows averthe remaining 43 cows, averaged an alarming 153ppkg.

There were 15 cows from

There were 15 cows from 160 ppkg p - 180 ppkg with four more in excess of 180 ppkg peaking at 192 ppkg from JG & SE Robinson Cefadu Cyffronydd. The top value money cow was £1435.20 from TM & EE & TG Williams Nantygeifr Llanidloes with a 780 kg limation of the pkg from 180 ppkg from ousinx cow making 184ppkg. J A Wood & Sons Kinnerton Farm Ratlinghope sold a consignment of 5 cows and 4 under 72 months but over 48 months cattle to average

48 months cattle to average 185pkg.
A strong Charolais Bull made £1655 from DLG Price Bryncoch. More cattle are required each week for this outstanding demand. TM & EE & TG Williams receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999. 224999.

FAT CATTLE (5)

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Only 6 fat cattle sold today, selling to average of 224ppkg for the heifers and 232ppkg for the steers. G Bound & Son Cefnbach sold a Limousinx steer weighing 585kg to 263ppkg and a Limousinx heifer from the same home sold €₂₀ 925pnkg for 265ppkg

G Bound & Son Cefnbach receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of \$25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day.
Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you require any advice or wish to sell lat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETS

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PRIME HOGGETS
(1927)
An entry of 1927 Prime
Hoggets, sold to an overall
average of 175ppkg.
Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (318)
to 180ppkg from H B Tudor &
Co Tynberllan. Others to
61ppkg from S H Bowkett the
Farm House. Average of

Farm House. Average of 135ppkg. Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (450) to 192ppkg from A D Jones Lawnt. Others to 185ppkg from J E Evans & Son Middle Nanserth. Average of 158mkg.

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Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg)
(143) to 205ppkg from J E Evans & Son Middle Nanserth. Others to 202ppkg from M P B Ashton Belanddu. Average of 182ppkg
Over Weights (Over 52kg)
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(54) to 195ppkg from CE & GT
Davies Derwen. Others to 192ppkg from DES & ER Bickerton Lloran Ucha. Average of 152pkg.

erton Lloran Ucha. Average of 162ppkg.
SPRING LAMBS (2095)
An entry of 2095 spring lambs, selling to an overall average of 246.8ppkg.
Super Lights (17.5kg to 25kg) (1) to 200ppkg from H Hughes & Son Hendy. Average of 200ppkg.
Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (135) to 241ppkg from 1 E S Corfield Woodgate Farm & J G Ellis & Son Tynewydd. Others to 240ppkg from RJT & GE Jones Penwtra. Average of 228ppkg.
Standards (32.1kg to 39kg)

(678) to 268ppkg from MG & MN Hanselman Knapps & BE & BE Langford Lletymeibion. Others to 261ppkg from J Balmer Tycanol. Average of 237ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg)
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L203) to 275ppkg from D P Casewell Tanrhiw. Others to 270ppkg from E J Rowley Penthryn. Average of 253ppkg. Heavies (45.1kg to 254ppkg from D P Casewell Tanrhiw. Others to 253ppkg from H G Ellis & Co Tynywern. Average of 241ppkg.

Over Weights (()ver 52kg)

2509pms Tynywern. Average 241ppkg Over Weights (Over 52kg) (1) to 216ppkg from JG & MWA Clayton Great Brimmon. Average of 216ppkg. CULL EWES (2255)

Average of 216ppkg.

CULL EWES (2255)

An entry of 2255 ewes and some 45 rams returned an overall average of £55.50 for the ewes and £82 for the rams. Several pens of ewes exceeding the £100 mark with highlights of £119 for E J Rowley Penthryn, £118 for D C Jerman Ty gwellt and £115 for a full pen of texels sold by D R Owen & Sons Sandilands Tywyn. The rams sold to a high of £125 for T & B Williams Cilmawr and £117 for R A Meddins Hafod. D R Owen & Sons also sold rams to £109. Rams averaged £85 and notably a keen demand for all types.

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STORE LAMBS,
COUPLES & CADE
LAMBS.

One entry of store lambs selling to £25 from WL & HA
Williams Wynnora.

DARRY COWS

With not quite the same quality as a fortnight ago, trade was on a par with a top price of £1990 being paid for 2nd calver from M R Williams Wern Holding. A 3rd and 5th calver from the same home made £1650 & £1180 respectively. E P Jones Pentre Farm Dolgellau sold a Moet Nansen 2nd calver for £1760. Presented by K S Jones Lane Farm was a heifer by Riverdance Sizzler which sold for £1900. Two heifers from WA & EM Morris Maestanyglwyden sold for £1680 and £1600, whilst a 3rd calver giving 32 litres a day from I Cadwalader Glanhafren made £1600. A breakdown of all prices achieved where as follows: £1800-£2000 2 lots, £1600 £1800 5 lots, £1400-£1600 2 lots, less than £1400 2 lots.
FORTHCOMING SALES:

One entry of store lambs selling to £25 from WL & HA Williams Wynnora. An entry of 300 ewes with lambs at foot achieving an average of £137. Strong two year old texel ewes with twin lambs at foot achieving a top price of £190 from F Bailey Pensarn.

Sale of store lambs at 10.30am with couples to follow. COWS AND CALVES

Trade was down compared with last week's standards. Leading the way once again was DP & RE Evans Moelygarth with £2150 for a Limousinx 1st Calver with a Limousin heifer calf at foot, with another two outfits at £2100 and £2000. David sold nine Limousinx calves to averwith £2150 from £250 with Limousinx calves to aver

age £1855. Presented by T S
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from £1300 to a top price of
£2000 to average £1633. From
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Monday, July 1, Dairy Cows. Monday, July 8, Store Cattle & Weanlings and Cows and

& weaming. Calves. Monday, July 15, Dairy Cows.
Monday, July 22, Cows and

Monday, July 29, Store Cat-tle and Dairy Cows. Monday, August 5, Cows and

Calves.
Monday, August 12, Dairy

Cows.
Monday, August 19, Cows Monday, August 19, Cows and Calves. Friday, August 23, Welsh Premier Texel Show. Saturday, August 24, Welsh Premier Texel Sale. Monday, August 26, Dairy Cows.

Monday, August 20, 2008.
Monday, September 2, Organic & Conventional Store Cattle and Weanlings and Cows and Calves.
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Wednesday, September 11,
Welsh Mule Ewe Sale.
Thursday, September 12,
Welsh Mule Ewe Lamb Sale.
Monday, September 16,
Store Cattle and Cows and

Calves.
Thursday, September 19,
Cann Office Sheep Sale.
Saturday, September 21,
Welsh Hill Speckled Face
Rams.
Monday, September 23,
Dairy Cows.
Saturday, September 28,
Yearling Ewes, Lleyn Sheep
Society Sale, Oxford Down
Sheep Breeders Sale and
Native Breeds Sheep Sale.

Oswestry cattle auctions

Wednesday, May 29 FAT CATTLE: (75)

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Light Bulls (6) Average 1 1/29 (2756/head) Selling to 228p from R W & J L Edwards Tyn-Twll Medium Bulls (18) Average 183.5p (£968/head) Selling to 218p from A M Jones Middle Farm Hoavy Bulls (16) Average

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Heavy Bulls (16) Average
202.5p (£1263/head) Selling to
235p from A M Jones Middle

Farm Steers (18) Overall Average

Steers (18) Overall Average 212p. Medium Steers (1) Selling to 221p (£1116/head) from J R D Best Pentrego Farm Heavy Steers (17) Average 211.5p (£1428/head) Selling to 240p from P L Harrison Neuaddllwyd Heifers (17) Overall Average 228n

228p Medium Heifers (2) Average 246p (£1123/head) Selling to 248p from A M Jones Middle

2489 From A M Jones Middle Farm Heavy Heifers (15) Average 226p (£1211/head) Selling to 263p from D L & J E Lewis Dolmelinau Dolmelinau
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to £500 & £465 from
Hodgson Arddleen Grange
STORE CATTLE: (239)

Another good entry forward for the last of the Spring sales met with a better trade and a

met with a better trade and a total clearance reported. Older cattle of a better type sold to premium with better younger cattle also a stronger trade than of recent.

FAT LAMBS: (835)

FAT LAMBS: (835)
Lights to 246p average
241.5p, Standards to 255p
average 231,5p, Mediums to 265p
average 234.5p, Heavy's to
237p average 229.5p. Overall

average 293-5). Neavy serial average 234p.

EAT HOG 178p average 152.5p. Overall average 234p.

EAT HOG 178p average 152.5p. Sandards to 196p average 168p, Mediums to 200p average 190p, fleavy's to 211p average 197p. Overall average 1775.5p.

FAT EWES: (760)

A slightly smaller entry met with a sharper trade especially for better quality ewes however a large selection of plainer ewes certainly didn't help the overall average of £43 for ewes and £59 for Rams.

If C & F C Roberts, Ness-cliffe topped both sections selling ewes to £107 & Rams to £92.50.

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Please Note: All sheep enter-ing the Market must be tagged. CALVES: (78) Good numbers again this

younger cattle also a stronger trade than of recent.
Poorer quality heifers were harder to place.
Top priced steer was £1400 (233p/kg) paid for a Limousin x steer aged 22 months sold by J E Thomas, Llanrhaeadr.
Top priced heifers were £1340 (231p/kg) paid for 3 Charolais x heifers aged 23 months sold by C Jones, Dolanog.
103 steers averaged £863 (219p/kg) with notable prices including:
£1180 (278p/kg) paid for 2 Charolais x steers aged 24

months sold by R L G Edwards week selling to another strong trade for continental males and trade for continental males and females. Best friesians also keenly contested. British Blue

months sold by K L G Edwards, Llansantffraid. £1095 (255p/kg) paid for a pair of Charolais x steers aged 23-24 months sold by I M Williams, Glyndyfrdwy £1280 (255p/kg) paid for a

keenly contested. British Blue Bulls topping at £370 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell £330 from Messrs Evans Moelygarth £315 from Messrs Edwards Tynewydd. Charolais Bulls to £356 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr. Lim-ousin Bulls to £356 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sween £345 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sween £345 from Messrs Evans Maes-mochnant £320 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David £320 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf. Simmental Bulls to £328 from Messrs Heatley The Grange. Charolais x steer aged 18 months sold by J E & E Jones.

Corwen 135 heifers averaged £680 (192p/kg) with notable prices

including: £1250 (250p/kg) paid for a British Blue x heifer aged 24 months sold by D Morris, Llan-

British Blue Heifers to £315 British Blue Heifers to £310 from Messrs Evans Maes-mochnant £275 from Messrs George Brynymaes £270 from Messrs Wigley Drenewydd. Limousin Heifers to £272 from Messrs Evans Maesmochnant £270 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £255 from Messrs Edwards Lower

pair of Charolais x heifers aged 21 months sold by I G Gregory,

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our next sales to be held on the
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COWS: (50)
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Steers 195p/kg. Top price overall £1443.00
Cows

Cows Limousin to 169p average

Limousin to 155p 1 139.46p/kg Charolais to 141p average 134.64p/kg Friesian to 155p average

Friesian to 129.65p/kg
Others to 168p average

Others to 168p average
141.24p/kg
Heifers
British Blue to 177p/kg
Welsh Black to 141p/kg
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Charolais to 195p/kg
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Future is looking brighter with the arrival of new Clio



COULD the new Clio be the saviour for Renault? That's the big question.

Like many other manufacturers Renault has been finding the going tough and the UK has seen the back of some models, including my favourite. Espace.

The difficulties have been directly linked to a heavy reliance on markets in the crisis-hit eurozone countries, where car sales have fallen sharply.

Welcome

But the new Clio is putting the Va Va Voom back into the market and represents a well come return to form for Renault.

Clio stands out as one of Renault's best-selling cars and the new model delivers a high standard of comfort and safety equipment

across the range.
On test was the Dynamique MediaNav dCi 90 1.5-litre with stop-start technology, an on-the-road price of £15,095 and performance fig-ures to compete with the best in class.

And if you are looking to be impressed consider that this Clio top speeds at 111mph, reaches 60mph in 11.9 seconds, does 75.8mpg on the combined cycle and has CO₂ emission figures of only 90g/km.

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The Renault Clio has a high standard of comfort and safety

You might argue that Clio doesn't have the precision handling of some in the sector but it's good enough for most and encourages the river to charge through bends.

The cabin is funky enough for the sector with

a fresh and modern feel and is dominated by a central touch-screen offering all that's best in portable information.

There's a high standard of comfort and safety equipment across the range, featuring an affordable personalisation programme on an unprecedented scale for Renault. You can cus-

tomise your Clio, thanks to various exterior and interior packs. These highlight different parts of the cabin and co-ordinate the colour of the dashboard with the upholstery and door pan-

The Clio scored a maximum five stars in Euro NCAP crash tests. All models have six airbags, anti-whiplash headrests and Isofix child seat anchorage points on three of the five seats.

All versions also come with electronic stability

control. Deadlocks and anti-drill locks are fitted as barriers to thieves.



The Clio's funky cabin which has a fresh and modern feel

It's easy to find a comfortable driving position thanks to the rake-and-reach adjustable steering wheel and a decent range of adjustment for

There's enough room for two passengers to sit comfortably in the rear and although there's enough headroom, vision out of the back is restricted by the pillars and the boot failed the golf club test.

The jury's still out but all the signs are that this fourth generation Clio may just put Renault back on the map.



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An Eaton supercharger, 6.2-litre V8 driving the rear wheels, nearly 600bhp and a soundtrack guaranteed to make your hairs stand on end: welcome Vauxhall's new VXR8 GTS, which can now be ordered with first deliveries at the end of the year.

Based on sister company HSV's new GEN-F GTS, the VXR8 GTS is the most powerful production car ever to emerge from Australia. And with an on-the-road price of just £54.999 in the UK it allows owners the least expensive membership into the 500bhp+ club.

"The very fact that cars like the VXR8 GTS still

exist proves that there is a small, but immensely passionate band of customers out there who want to drive something which is unique and special, said Stuart Harris, Vauxhall's head of Carline

"In its new GTS form the VXR8 offers colossal power and torque in a package that is more technology-led than ever before, yet still retains that unique VXR8-character that no BMW or Mercedes can match. It's also around £20,000 less than its main rivals – the M5 and E63 AMG – yet has more power than either."

At the heart of the VXR8 GTS is a new supercharged LSA V8 (identical to that used in the recently launched Chevrolet Camaro ZL1), delivering 576bhp and 545lb/ft of torque, an increase of 150bhp and 140lb/ft respectively over the outgoing, LS3-engined VXR8. Performance figures will be released soon, but bear in mind that even the naturally-aspirated VXR8 achieved a 0-60mph time in 4.9 seconds and a limited top speed of

The new VXR8's Eaton supercharger has fourlobe rotors, 9psi boost and 1.9 litres of air per revolution. Unlike a turbocharged car, the Eaton



Vauxhall's VXR8 GTS, the most powerful production car to emerge from Australia

supercharger provides the VXR8 with stronger and more linear performance across its entire revrange. Other LSA features include:

- Stand-alone water to air charge cooling system. Separate transmission and differential cooling
- Water to oil engine cooling system.
- Bi-modal air-intake system.
- High-flow exhaust manifolds and exhaust system with Bi-modal silencers.

Delivering drive to the rear axle is the latest MG9 spec six-speed manual transmission with oil cooler and twin-plate clutch (an optional six-speed automatic transmission is also available)

The new front-end design of the VXR8 GTS has bold graphics and shallow ramp angles that emphasise width and stance. The focal point of the new look is a 'twin-nostril' grille and an all-new fascia that helps to deliver both an aggressive look and an air intake surface large enough to cool the

open frontal surface was needed to deliver the cooling required for the new engine - 75 per cent

more than the outgoing LS3-engined car.
Daytime running lights – which can now operate when the headlights are turned on – and 20in 'Blade' forged alloy wheels complete the front-end

At the rear, the VXR8 GTS has distinctive LED tail lamps, while the 'diffuser' rear fascia houses quad exhaust outlets finished in shadow chrome. A unique body-coloured performance rear spoiler with black accents helps set the GTS apart still fur-

Inside, the VXR8's cabin design has undergone a raft of design changes. An upgraded instrument panel with suede-style inserts, a new instrument cluster, gauges, centre console, appliques and door trims combine to deliver a more premium look and feel

Standard in the VXR8 GTS, all-new VXR Performance Seats are wrapped in Onyx leather trim and feature eight-way electric adjustment and seat In fact, a total of 130,000 square millimetres of heaters for both the driver and front passenger.



The VXR8 GTS is available to order now with an on-the-road price of £54,999



The Vauxhall VXR8 GTS interior has undergone a raft of design changes

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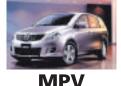




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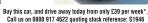
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lan leads Olympians in Trefonen Hill Walk

most of the good weather to take part in the Trefonen Hill Walk

reekend. The entrants had to run 6.5 The entrants had to run 6.5 Kilometres (4 miles) of mixed terrain on trail paths, through farmland and wooded areas and country lanes including climbs totalling 150 metres plus (500ft). Winner of this year's event was Jon Bowie of TRISMART. Ian Lowe led the way for Oswestry Olympians finishing in fifth place.

other Oswestry runners were Simon Barkley, Tim Tansley, Jon Hancock, Richard Foggin,

Tickner. Paul Brown, Ellen Ash-

ton and Gary Clarke.

The next Oswestry Olympians race Wednesday 12th June 19:30 is the Park Hall 5km race, which

has been going for over 30 years. At just over three miles on the roads and pavements around Park Hall, it's ideal as a first race or just for judging your speed over a short distance.

There is also a 1 Mile Juniors ace, which starts at 18:45.
All entries taken on the night.

More details can be found at



Olympians at Trefonen are ,from left, Tim Tansley, Rob Davies, Gary Clarke, Ali Tickner, Richard Foggin, Ellen Ashton, lan Lowe,Steve Roberts, Simon Barkley and Paul Brown

County triathletes preparing for European test in Turkey

THREE triathletes from Shropshire will represent Great Britain in the European Championships in Turkey later this month.

later this month.

Andrew Birch, 43 from Oswestry and Paul Evans, 44, and Paul Roberts, 50, both of nearby Dudleston Heath, have been training through sub zero temperatures snow and rain for the event, which is expected to take place in the searing Mediterranean heat.

The three will have to swim 1.5 kilometres, cycle 40 and then run 10 kilometres in the event in Alanya, Turkey, on June 14.

on June 14.

They faced tough competitions in

Britain to set the qualifying times for the championships and have fitted training in with their jobs as a post-

man, military trainer and lorry driver.

And they also have an eye on quali-fying for the world championships, this year being held on the Olympic course in Hyde Park in September. Andrew said: "It has been pretty dif-

ficult weather for training.

"We were swimming in the mere with the Trismart club on Tuesday and the rain was dreadful – it was coming in sideways and stinging our faces."

"It is unusual for three people living in such a small area to qualify for the Europeans."

All three are members of the Lion Quays fitness centre where they have been doing indoor training during bad

Tables

Ellesmere suffer first defeat but stay on top

EARLY leaders ELL-ESMERE A suffered their first defeat of the season when going down 6-4 at Llanynog A in division four but still remain top of the

It was nip and tuck all the It was nip and tuck all the way, with the home side shading the shots aggregate by seven (138-131) after Ian Metcaffe (21-8) had maintained his unbeaten run with an eighth straight victory for Ellesmere. Curtis Metcaffe (21-10) also made it sevens wins from eight sevens wins from eight.

Despite the reverse Ellesmere are six points clear at the top from FOX LANE who moved into second spot with a 9-1 (164-113) home beating of CHURCH D who remain in the lower reaches of the

the lower reaches of the table.

David Edwards (21-7) and Roger Woof (21-6) led the way, while Marsh Howell (21-17) bagged the lone

reply for Church ELLESMERE B took advantage of the A team's defeat to keep up the pressure on the leaders with a comfortable 8-2 (159-101) win over Corwen B.

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win over Corwen B.

Aggregate
WESTON RHYN B eased
their worries with an 8-2
(153-136) home verdict
against LLANRHAEADR C,
with their birgest wine corp. with their biggest wins com-ing from Patrick Bubb and Peter Plunkett, to 12 and 13

Peter Plunkett, to 12 and 13 respectively.
Also heading in the right direction after LLAN-FYLLIN A who accounted for WHITTINGTON C 8-2 (158-89) at home. Gwyn Gwalchmai (21-3) took his side's coppers with his fifth win in seven

win in seven. LLANYMYNECH B were

LLANYMYNECH B were downed 8-2 (160-113) at Ceiriog Valley C.
Lowly CHURCH E turned the tables on division six leaders LLANRHAEADR D as they ran out 147-116 winners, clinching the aggregate 147-116.
Making light of league positions, Church revived their fortunes with Glenis Bennett (21-3) and Pat Brown (21-7) both winning well, while Ritchie Howes

Brown (21-7) both winning well, while Ritchie Howes (21-10) responded for the pacesetters with his fifth win of the season. Third placed LLAN-RHAEADR E made up ground after overcoming WESTON RHYN E 7-3 (155-129) with Huw Francis easing to victory by two easing to victory by two, while the best for the visitors was Ian Beckett who prevailed 21-11

prevailed 21-11.
Mid-table CRIFTINS D
had a good 8-2 (148-123) verdict at Johnstown E with
Fred Williams winning to
nine and Ross Rogers to 10
for his third win out of
three.
Three good single figure
wins belined LLAN-

wins helped LLAN-YMYNECH C to a 6-4 (135-117) success over visiting Llangynog B.

Defending champions are looking good to keep title

of the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one after securing victory at lowly Overton A - but it was a close call as they only

Took the aggregate by two shots (133-131).

Dave Edwards, who has won all nine outings this season to lead the first division averages, maintained his rich vein of form with another success when taking his match 21-9. Skipper Terry Thompson also won to nine, and Ron Crooke 21-11, while their other two wins went to 19 and 20 through Mark Price and Sandra Barker.

However, it was a tight finish with Andy Jones, despite losing 21-12, managing to scrape

a couple of shots late on to ensure his side won the aggregate. They are nine points clear at the top, but have played one game more than three of their closest rivals.

A few days before,
Thompson (21-6) also led
the way as Criftins A saw off
visiting CHURCH A 7-3
(144-109) in their
rearranged clash, Crooke
also winning to seven and

rearranged clash, Crooke also winning to seven and Barker to nine.

It has been a disappoint-ing spell for Church whose slide continued on Tuesday night with a 7-3 (159-142)

night with a 7-3 (159-142)
loss to visiting Chirk A, to
leave them languishing
fourth from bottom.

One place below are
LLANYMYNECH A who,
without their captain Tony
Pritchard, lost 6-4 at home
to third placed Johnstown A.
WHITTINGTON A were
too hot to handle as they

too hot to handle as they swept aside lowly WESTON RHYN A 10-0 to move up to

RHYN A 10-0 to move up to fourth in the table, taking the shots by 80 (168-88).

Julian Turner led the charge with a 21-2 romp at the front, Mel Morris also winning to four while Aled Davies also got in on the act at the end with a 21-6 victory to secure his first ever whitewash as captain.

Buoyed by the win, Whittington were looking to maintain the momentum in their rearranged clash at Corwen tonight (Thursday) before hosting Flexsys next Tuesday.

Tuesday.
There was little to cheer There was little to cheer for the visitors, although the in-form Andrew Riley, who lost to 19, and Pip Penrose, to 17, both went close to some consolation.

some consolation.

LLANRHAEADR A surged up to second spot in division two – a couple of points off the pace – with an emphatic 8-2 home beating

BOWLS by John **Bridgwater**

of YE OLDE CROFTE A.

Ian Jones (21-4) took the coppers as the home side racked up a 150-108 aggregate win, Neil Jones also winning to eight in another good single figure showing.

Jamie Waugh impressed for the visitors with a 21-8 success, while Paul Edwards (21-16) bagged his team's other victory of the night to maintain his record of just one defeat this term.

On song Steve Jones also won 21-5 to top the second division averages with his ninth straight win.

Replies

It has been a good spell for Llanrhaeadr A who, the week before, took the chance to press their title claims with a 6-4 (141-127) win at Johnstown C helped by good single figure wins from Neil Jones (21-5) and Hywel Jones (21-5). single figure wins from Neil Jones (21-5) and Hywel Jones (21-9).

Jones (21-9).

By contrast, Ye Old Crofte suffered a 7-3 (156-142) home loss to Cynwyd A in their rescheduled game to further undermine their challenge in division two Paul Edwards (21-13) being their best winner.

Having moved up to third in the table, CHURCH B were halted at GEORGE where they suffered a 7-3

where they suffered a 7-3 (152-110) loss.

Kendrick

for the visitors, and Glenys Jones was a 21-17 winner, but their challenge fell away as George bowled their green well.

The home side took a grip to move fifth with good sin-gle figure displays from Merv Roberts (21-4) and Allan Jones (21-8) while Peter Corfield was a 21-10 winner.

WHITTINGTON B con-WHITTINGTON B continue to prop up the table following their 8-2 (154-101) reverse at Johnstown B, with their replies coming from Jacqui Whitley (21-9) and Dave Turner (21-19).
BLACK LION, looking for points to climb away from the basement regions, were at home to Llangollen A last night (wed).

night (wed). In a rearranged clash last In a rearranged clash last week, they were beaten nar-rowly 6-4 (143-122) at CHURCH B, who had good single figure wins from Wendy Kendrick and Glenys

Wendy Kendrick and Glenys Jones (both 21-8) and Merv Weaver. Mike Jones (21-11) was the best of the replies. Next Tuesday's (June 11 fix-tures): Div One: Ceiriog Valley A v Llanymprech A, Corwen A v Church A, Johnstown A v Chirk A, Ruabon A v Overton A, Weston Rhyn A v Criftins A, Whittington A v Flexsys A. Div Two: Church B v Whittington B, Llangollen A v Johnstown B, Llanriaead' A v George. Ye Old Crofte A v Llangynog.

Ben powers way to victory



Ben Power in the Guttercrest Racing Legends Carleads the was in front of the TV cameras at Mallory Park. Picture: Rodney Tietjen

MID Wales racing driver Ben Power won a thrilling race on live TV in a meeting which has moved him into third place in the UK Legends Car Championship.
Power, from Guilsfield, won a nip-and-

Power, from Guilsfield, won a nip-and-tuck battle with Dean Brace to take the honours in heat two of the meeting at Mallory Park, broadcast live on Motors TV. He went on to grab fourth place in an incident-packed final race, beating exworld champion Peter Morton on the line in an international line-up that included top drivers from around the UK, as well as France, Belgium and Denmark. The results earned him third place overall on the day and moved him into joint third in the national championship.

"It was a fantastic day overall," said Power.

"I got the fastest lap in race one and the final. Now I'm joint third in the table, and it's very close."

The series comes to Wales for the next

rounds, with a two-day meeting at Angle-sey on July 20-21. Last season was the

best ever for the Welshpool and Oswestry-based Guttercrest team. Power, now aged 23, recorded his first race wins in Legends Cars, and for a while he was second in the championship behind long-time leader and now champion Lawrence Davey, from East

Sussex.

The UK Legends series visits tracks around the UK, including famous circuits such as Brands Hatch and Donington Park.

It features top drivers from around the UK and the continent, including several exworld champions.

Legends racing originated on the US oval tracks, and the cars have an American look, being 5/8-scale replicas of classic US models.

Guttercrest Racing runs a Ford Coupe 1937 replica, with a 1250cc Yamaha motorcycle engine.

With identical cars and the fastest drivers having to start at the back of the grid, there is said to be more overtaking in a single Legends race than in a whole season of Formula 1.

Llangynog C..

Criftins B maintain promotion form

CRIFTINS B maintained their promotion push in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three with a 6-4 win at basement side Flexsys B – but outright vic-tory was only secured by a three shot mar-

gin.
Robbie Hughes led the way with an Robbie Hughes led the way with an emphatic 21-4 success to take the coppers, making it six wins from eight outings, while Dave Poole chalked up his seventh win in eight with a 21-11 success and Andrew Miner won 21-15.

But their efforts were unable to shake off a spirited Flexsys side on their own green, with the scores being levelled at 4-4 before Criftins edged the aggregate 133-130 to take the extra two points on offer.

CHURCH C are a point clear at the sum-

mit following their hard-fought 7-3 (149-137) home verdict against Royston A, Adrian Jones continuing his good form with a 21-5 success, his sixth win of the cam-paign, while Anthony Swannick was a 21-12

winner.
Plas Kynaston A kept up the pressure at Plas Kynaston A kept up the pressure at the top with an 8-2 (150-133) beating of mid-table WESTON RHYN C, whose responses came through Norman Boulton (21-7) and John Gale who notched his sev-enth success of the season when winning to 17.

CRIFTINS C, lying fourth, also stayed in touching distance of the pacesetters with their 8-2 home victory over Chirk B, taking the aggregate with comfort at 160-106.

Lenny Jones led the way to four while

Anthony Gillham and Steve Kynaston, with

Anthony Gillham and Steve Kynaston, with his seventh success in eight outings, were both winners to 10.

Ann Blake (21-3) was one of three good single figure winners as WHITTINGTON E consolidated mid-table with a 7-3 (159-103) victory over Overton B, with Peter Williams and John Harrison, with his sixth victory, also both winning to five.

Hammering

YE OLDE CROFTE B are still bottom of division five - but boosted their hopes of escaping the basement with an excellent 7-3 victory at Overton C.

They returned home with the spoils by just two shots (136-134), with Tom Davies winning 21-7 and Geoff Thomas 21-10.

Although still propping up the table by one point, Crofte are now in range off se

eral sides above them.
WESTON RHYN D slipped deeper into danger after crashing 9-1 (158-109) at home to Ruabon B, Ian Watts (21-11) providing the only bright spot for the hosts who are languishing third from bottom.
LLANRHAEADR B are up to fifth following their 10-0 (168-125) home hammering of Johnstown F, Brian Jones (21-6) taking the sweep with Doreen Barnes (21-8) also winning well.
One place above are WHITTINGTON D

winning well.

One place above are WHITTINGTON D
who stayed in touch with the leading pack
courtesy of a 7-3 (149-123) home win over
Royston B, Meirion Davies winning 21-1 and Margaret Davies to seven

Whittington stay in touch with an easy win Montgomery

heels of the leaders with a nine-wicket stroll against visiting Coton Hall. Deciding to bat first, Coton Hall started steadily and wickets looked to be hard to

come by as they reached 62-2, opening Peter Towers making 27.

Towers making 27.

But the introduction of Brian Whitley and Liam Penrose to bowl brought about a batting collapse as the next eight wickets fell for just 15 runs as Whittington caught and bowled solidly.

Whitley finished with 5-12 runs and the spell from Penrose earned him 3-4, while opening bowler Kieron Lewis worked hard for his 2-17.

Chasing a modest total, the runs were struck off in less than 10 overs with opener Jonathan Mitchell (45no) and Gareth Mor-

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ris (16no) continuing their good form to earn second placed Whittington 24 points. CAE GLAS suffered their first defeat of the season away to division three leaders Wheaton Aston

Wheaton Aston.

The day began badly with skipper Keith
Yapp losing the ninth consecutive toss of the
season and Glas were duly inserted.

Invaluable

And Glas were soon reeling at 9-2 before typical belligerent innings of 33 from in-orm Ruch Nimantha helped the score to 72-

For the second week running captain and vice captain, Yapp and Gareth Edgerton were facing a crisis.

Once again the skipper steadied the ship

with a patient 21 to use up some of the overs before The Glas were finally bowled out for

an under par score of 116 in the last over. Wheaton Aston batted carefully in reply, knowing their own pitch and eased their way to their target in the 34th over with

enty of time to spare. CAE GLAS II made it three wins in a row in the reserve division three with an emphatic victory by 52 runs over visitors Forton II

Forton II.

Asked to bat on a "green top" at Gatacre, batting was never going to be easy and so it proved, with The Glas standing at 15-1 after 15 of their 45 overs thanks to the bowling of Forton opener Sahil Masih who conceded only four runs from his first 10 overs and ended the day with 2-20.

Nevertheless, the home side had wickets in hand and this proved invaluable as George Candler (27) held the innings together and then Aidan Martyn (17), Tim-

Smith (37) and Murrel Morris (18) were able to apply the acceleration that allowed The Glas to finish on a respectable 136-7.
In reply, Forton soon found the going

in reply, Forton soon found the going tough against an attack that is finding a consistent quality from week to work

tougn against an attack that is finding a consistent quality from week to week. All the home bowlers produced an accuracy that prevented Forton from ever cementing any serious assault on their target, and conceding only three wides in nearly 41 in dismissing their opponents for 84.

nearly 41 in dismissing their opposite the same and the same and skipper Barry Vaughan 15 miserly overs and skipper Barry Vaughan (3-15) removed the last three batters to take the victory and 24 points, but all bowlers were outstanding and were ssisted by some spectacular work in the field including a marvellous pick up and throw including a marvellous pick up and throw 'run-out' from Shaun Southern.

slip back into trouble after batsmen fail

LOWLY Montgomery suffered a 39 run loss to high flying Much Wenlock to slip back into basement trouble in the Shropshire Cricket League division one.

After the exciting two wicket win over Forton the pre-ous week, Monty battled hard against the league lead-ers but eventually came up

short. Opting to bat first, Wenlock were bowled out for 131 in the 48th over, with

131 in the 48th over, with Aaron Ruff-cock taking 3-36, Andrew Barker 3-34 and Richard Powell 2-26. However, the batting subsided to 92 all out in reply, leaving Monty with just three points for their efforts and lying second from bottom in the table. MONTGOMERY IDICKED UP the points

MONTGOMERY II picked up the points against rock bottom Albrighton II in the reserve division two - and did not even have to hit a ball in anger as their opponents conceded the match after being unable to raise a side.

being unable to raise a side. WELSHPOOL III maintained their promotion push in division six with a comfortable seven wicket win over Corvedale II at Maesydre

Opener

The home bowlers were soon to work after winning the toss, dismissing Dale for a modest 97 in the 39th over, with the only real resistance coming from opener Jim Alderson (37no) while Glyn Tinton (14) was while Glyn Tipton (14) was the only other batter to get

the only other batter to get into double figures. Allan Edward Williams finished things off with 3-1 off 5.2 overs and Allan Har-ris picked up 3-24 from 10 overs, while Mat Sherwood took 2-25.

took 2-2b.

In reply, Pool never looked unduly troubled by the modest target, opener Matthew Knight making 21, Roger Knight 20 not out and Harris an unbeaten 25

and riarris an unbeaten 20
to see their side home
in just the 14th over.
Anthony Walden took 2-25.
A batting collapse saw
GUILSFIELD slump to a
six wicket defeat at Prees in
division four.
Their innings, started

division four.

Their innings started steadily enough, but wickets started to fall as the visitors were dismissed for 98 in 37 overs, Rhodri Davies making 20 in the middle order.

Daniel Brown (3-33) gave the Guils hope of a surprise win with three early wickets, but Prees got home without further alarm in 16

Captain Mark steers team to a second away victory

A CAPTAIN'S innings by Mark Robinson and a fine all-round performance by Jonathan Miles steered Oswestry's cricketers to a second successive away victory in the Birmingham League division two after

making the trip to Coventry and North Warwickshire.

Having dismissed the home side for 136, Oswestry lost key batsmen Warrick Fynn, Alex
Huxley and Ryan Fynn in four deliveries as they slipped from 36-1 to 36-4.

But Miles and Robinson added 70 for the fifth wicket to put their side within sight of
victory before Miles was bowled for 35, and then Robinson saw his side to 137-6 with an
undefeated 53.

Earlier Miles had bowled Constant does not be 120 for 120

Earlier, Miles had bowled Coventry danger man Luke Rhodes with the second ball of the match, and he went on to finish with 5-42 – his best figures of the season so far.

the match, and he went on to He received excellent support from Warrick Fynn, who took 3-25 off 16 overs of accurate left-arm spin, and Paul Robinson (2-25). The fact that Coventry had chosen to bat first meant that Oswestry earned the maximum haul of 24 points from the match as they look to push their way into the upper reaches of second division table. Sixteen-year-old Scott Hale scored his second cen-

Sixteen-year-old Scott Hale scored his second cen-tury of the season for OSWESTRY who enjoyed a crushing 124-run win over Brewood II at Morda Road in division two 2nd XI (North). Hale and skipner Owen

Hale and skipper Owen Johnson shared an opening stand of 163 before Johnson was dismissed for 90.

Hale hit nine fours and two sixes to reach his century, and was eventually run

CRICKET by John

Bridgwater

good partnership with Nick Williams (42).
Oswestry's innings closed on 290-4, a target Brewood never looked like reaching. Rob Allen took 4-48, Ian Davies 3-43 and Williams 2-21 to bowl the visitors out for 166.

for 166.
OSWESTRY III were undone by a good Chelmarsh bowling attack as they slumped to a 59-run defeat at Morda Road in the Shropshire League division three on Sunday.
Star man for Chelmarsh was Ed Lewis, who hits 67 in his side's total of 197 all out

his side's total of 197 all out, and then took 5-16 as

Oswestry were bowled out for 128. Youngster Dominic Kular

Youngster Dominic Kular (5-46) – his first five-wicket haul in league cricket – and Adam Lloyd (4-36) were the pick of the Oswestry bowlers, but no home batsman reached 20. Adam Huxley top-scored with 18.

Meanwhile, Oswestry IV went down by five wickets to Iscoyd and Fenns Banks II in the reserve division three at Oswestry School.

Only Iwan Roberts (56no and Andrew Clarke (46) made serious contributions as Oswestry, were restricted

as Oswestry were restricted to 139-8 in their 45 overs. Lee Dale's unbeaten 54 saw Iscoyd to 140-5 in reply,

despite good spells by Allan Morris (3-30) and Roberts

(2-26).

◆ This Saturday Oswestry's senior side return to action at Morda Road, having been away on four of the last five Saturdays. The visitors are Herefordshire outfit Eastnor (12 noon).
Oswestry II visit Penn, the thirds take on Harcourt

at Oswestry School, and the fourths visit Tibberton.

First win of season for Vipers



Welshpool's young cricketers - before landing their first victory of the season

WELSHPOOL Vipers under-11s had a chance to show their potential when they played their first game of the season at home to their Newtown counterparts.

In the game, played in a good spirit, there were some excellent performances on both sides, with Welshpool eventually running out winners.
Captained by Thomas Bowen, it was

go in a real game situation," said a spokesman.
"As important as coaching is, being out there and learning from your successes and failures is where it really sinks in. The club is very proud of the start they have made and the progression in their all round game that is clearly exident. evident.

captained by Inomas Bowen, it was evident. The club is getting stronger and what is fantastic is that many, if not all, of the lads playing today will be knocking on the lads getting out there and giving it a

Misery for Frankton after they are bowled out for 39 in 16 overs

IT WAS a miserable day for Frankton who were shot out for just 39 against St Georges in a crushing 175-run loss at Hardwick Park in the Shropshire League

Park in the Shropshire League premier division. St Georges were inserted on a wicket which kept low, and the visi-tors did well to score over 200-7 thanks to a good half century from Gareth Hughes (57) with useful contri-

Gareth Hughes (57) with useful contributions from the other batsmen. There were two wickets apiece for Stuart Lammie and Thomas Wetti. In reply, Frankton struggled against Stephen Taylor who took the first five wickets without conceding a run to finish with 6-5 off eight overs, ably supported by Ben Byram who bagged the other four wickets to finish the innings inside 16 overs. No batter got into double figures.

By contrast, FRANKTON II were in ruthless form as they trounced Contribution.

ruthless form as they trounced Con-dover II by 209 runs to cement their place at the top in the reserve division

two. Batting first, they piled up 264-6 in

45 overs, opener Dave Powell laying

45 overs, opener Dave Fowen laying the foundations with 51, No4 Danny Powell cracking 97 and skipper Mark Lammie finishing 50 not out.

Condover were then steamrollered in reply, being bundled out for 55 with Jacob Northwood snapping up 3-6 from five overs, while there were two with the steam of the ste wickets apiece for Jack Kelly (2-7) and Lammie (2-0).

Victims

There was an exciting last-ball vic-tory for FRANKTON III who saw off Worfield III by 29 runs to consolidate their position in the top half of divi-sion five.

sion five.

David Whitticase's 49 helped Frankton post a challenging 225-8 in 45 overs, opener Andy Brown also making 35 and skipper Elwyn Jones 39.

Helped by 53 extras, including 39 wides, Worfield managed 196 before being bowled out off the last ball of their 45 overs, Will Smith taking 4-70, while there were three victims aniece while there were three victims apiece for Ashley Wynn (3-31) and Seb McCarthy (3-20).

Knockin tighten grip at top of league HIGH-flying Knockin & Kinnerley tightened their grip at the top of the Shropshire League division two with a comfortable eight wicket success at League & Farsa Popul.

cess at Iscoyd & Fenns Bank.
Put in to bat, Iscoyd struggled to shake off the shackles of some disciplined bowling as they toiled to 120 all out in 36.3 overs, with the standout performance with the ball coming from Hugh Morris who picked up terrific figures of 5-1 off eight overs, seven of which were maidens.

Marcus Williams also collected 2-29 off 9.3

overs.

Despite a disastrous start in reply in which they lost both their openers for ducks, Knockin avoided any other alarms as the trusty duo of Steven Gray (59no with a six and nine fours) and skipper Gary Darlington (38 not out, including a six and seven fours) saw their side home inside 20 overs.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II are going well in third spot in the reserve division two after staying in range of the leaders with a 30-run vic-

tory over Pontesbury II.
Put in to bat, they were made to work hard for

their runs early on before useful late contribu-tions from Joel Whitehouse (33) and No9 Michael Carpenter (35) helped them up to 159-8 from their 45 overs.

their 45 overs.

Pontesbury were held in check in reply, with wickets falling at regular intervals before they were eventually dismissed for 129 with three overs remaining.

Joel Whitehouse took 4-28 off 15 overs, and Paul Higginson rounded things off with 3-11 off 45 overs.

Rescued

It was a day that KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY It was a day that KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY would want to forget after being skittled out for just 20 against Wellington V in division five. Chasing the Telford side's 194, the batting was blown away as The Nursery Ground men slumped to a remarkable 174-run defeat.

ELLESMERE's woes continue at the foot of division two as they slipped to a six wicket defeat at home to Bishop's Castle.

With standing water on the pitch until Friday afternoon, the ground staff managed to get the game on, and not surprisingly the hosts were put

in trouble with the loss of three early wickets including two ducks, but the innings was rescued through Tom Davies who made 65, including three sixes and seven fours, before being caught.

Skipper Lee Thomas weighed in with a useful 32 at the other end, with four fours and two sixes, and with wicketkeeper Kieran Barry (23) and Ashley Tomas (22) also chipping in, Ellesmere managed to reach a respectable 162-8 in 40 overs.

managed to reach a respectable 162-8 in 40 overs. Stalwart Stephen Morris was the most successful of the bowlers, spinning his way to 4-48 while Thomas Moulder took 2-16, while there was a wicket apiece for Simon Palmer (1-26 off 15 overs) and Richard Plant.

overs) and Richard Plant.

With the pitch drying out, Castle capitalised despite a couple of early losses with opener Jonathan Price's 65 (with two sixes and nine fours) putting them firmly on course before Moulder completed a good game with an unbeaten 37 to see his side over the line with over these overs to spece. three overs to spare.

Ben Poulton also made 18 not out at the end.

for Garry after first hole ace

AN Oswestry golfer has received a limited-edition watch after scoring a hole-

watch after scoring a hole-in-one during a recent com-petition at his local club. Garry Fugh, 48, scored his ace on the 162-yard, par-three first, at his club, Llanymynech, and the 13-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and a specially-com-missioned, commemorative timepiece.

The luxury German brand has pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-inone recorded during a club

one recorded during a club competition between April 15 and October 31 this year. And, with nearly 4,000 holes-in-one recorded annually, BOSS Watches could feasibly be giving away £1m-worth in 2013.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses How-bidiDo – a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers – and anybody playing in official club competitions will be eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

Membership

Membership
Stephen Brydon, commercial director for MGS Distribution, the official licenced UK distributor for BOSS Watches, said: "Congratulations to Garry on what, to most of us, is a once-in-alifetime achievement.

"To the majority of amateur golfers, recording a hole-in-one will be the most memorable thing they achieve in golf - yet all many

memorable thing they achieve in golf - yet all many have to show for it is a dent in their bank balance after

in their bank balance after buying a round of drinks in the clubhouse.

"We aim to make it a lot more memorable for them by presenting them with an exclusive BOSS watch, only available to golfers who record a hole-in-one.

In addition to the limited-edition watch. Pupe is also

edition watch, Pugh is also awarded membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club which offers its mem-

Club which offers its members access to exclusive benefits and merchandise.

No extra registration is required to participate in the BOSS Watches promotion as all official club competitions are recorded, so holes-in-one will be noted and automatically ratified by the golfer's club.

Sharks are through to finals day

WELSHPOOL Sharks Swimming Club is getting its teeth into more success after moving up to fourth in the West Midland and Man-

the west Midiand and Man-chester Junior League.

The youngsters were sec-ond from six clubs at the lat-est round in Redditch, finishing behind Northamp-

ton, The

ton,
The finish virtually secured a place in its third finals day in as many years, and another strong showing would see them move to the League's top division.
Meanwhile, the club is in pole position in their Welsh League, needing one more win to tie up the junior title. Thirteen of the club's swimmers have also made Welsh qualifying times this year.
Coach Peter Swanton said: "For such a small club that has limited hours in the pool, these swimmers have

pool, these swimmers have bags of potential.

"These young swimmers are certainly putting Welshpool on the map with their performances."

Top prize Max races into 30 second time trial series lead



Mike Felix and Ian Coe before their race at the Abervstwyth Cycle Festival

LAST week saw 30 riders head out on the 12.5 mile time trial route in Newtown looking to shave some precious seconds from their previous effort.

With a change to the format for the 2013 season, the same course is being used every other week to give riders the ability to track their progress as the season progresses.

Max Gethin continued his great start to the season taking the win by almost 30 seconds over his nearest rival Medwyn Jones, who crossed the line in 31.13.

Graham Harris also maintained his consistency with another impressive top three-finish, only 20 seconds back.

Nothing could split the experience of David Gethin with the youth of Tomos Owen, with both stopping the clock on 32.54 to take the fourth spot.

The result however was good enough for Tomos take the overall win in the junior sec-

tion ahead of Morgan Hill and Chris Roberts who took the second and third spots respec-tively.

The ladies race also went down to the

wire and in the end it was Diane Paul who just edged out Julie Frost, doing her first time trial, by a mere four seconds.

The series is really starting to hot up with less than six minutes between Paul Bufton who finished strongly in sixth and the ever improving Des Pugh in 27th.

improving Des Pugh in 27th.
With such strong competition, the next time trial in Welshpool on June 12 should be

Meanwhile, Ian Coe and Mike Felix took Meanwhie, and took and Mike Penk work their good form into the criterium racing dubbed "Pedal Power on the Prom" at the Aberystwyth Cycle Festival.

Bad weather had little effect on the huge

crowds - the biggest seen in the Tour Series' three-year tenure in the Welsh coastal

resort, according to organisers – but forced the commissaries to amend the circuit. And what an evil little circuit they devised to. It had it all – climbs, fast descents, tight Gareth Huxley won the Tedsmore Bowl at Oswestry Golf Club with 68-4-64. Second spot went to Oliver Wheeler with 79-14-65 on countback from T-Glyn Hughes with 74-9-65. Fourth place went to War-ren Newson with 79-13-66 andhe was followed by Bill Ferries with 80-12-68. Bill wonon countback from Wes twisting corners and a killer head wind along the sea front.

The Hafren boys were in the mix from the off with but unfortunately with total carnage taking place off the start line, the lads race was almost over before it began.

Between12 and 15 riders went down and the field became splintered and both Ian and Mike were unfortunately caught behind the

The leading group of riders sensing the crash put the hammer down and made sure no one got back on. However the Hafren lads chased hard and thoroughly enjoyed the experience in difficult conditions. Check out the website www.hafren.cc for the full was the condition of the condi the website www.hafren.cc for the full results and up-coming event

was Robert Hughes with 82-13-60. The leading eight go for-ward to match-play competi-

wonon countback from Wes Rowley with 80-12-68 and 80-12-68 and in eighth place

Gareth wins Tedsmore

by one shot

ward to match-play competition.

The Ladies winners of the AM AM on Monday, May 27, was Pauline Davies, Margaret Dunbar, Margaret Lynch and Judith Tornell with 73 points.

Mixed winners with 78 points were N Graham, I Boys, J Graham and S Boys. They were followed by M Smith, D Peake, J Jackson and B Fletcher

Smith, D Peake, J Jackson and B Fletcher with 75 points.
The four winners in the mens section were D Dolman, M Richards, N Noo Withington and D Lees with an impressive 89 points.

Bev's 70 is winner of May Medal

WINNER of the Llany-mynech Golf Club May Medal in Division One was

Medal in Division One was Bev Cadwallader with a score of 70 followed by Ros Phillips with 71.

In Division 2 Gwenan Davies took the honours with a 74. She was followed by Chris Wilkinson with a 75. Shelia Powell and Bronwen Griifiths took the top two spots in Division 3 both scoring 73 but with Powell having a better back nine.

having a better back nine. There was better luck for Bronwen Griffiths in the

Bronwen Griffiths in the Coronation Cup which she won with a score of 76.

The Past/Present Captains Trophy was won by Ruth Belk and Pam Larby with a score of 70.5.

Ron Leonard Cup winner was Jason Smith with nett 60 and in the Invitation Open on Saturday the winners were J Negron and O Jennings with 47pts.

Club captain lands trophy

CLUB captain Richard CLUB captain Richard
Jones won the Jim Mason
President's Day cup at
welshpool Golf Club on
countback with 44 pts from
Ady Bowen and Mark Proctor, both with 44pts. In the
ladies section the winner
was Sue Shemilt followed by
Ann Newell while Rhydian Ann Newell while Rhydian Jones won the juniors from

Frankie Jones.

Margaret Bown won the Peggy Ross Cup on Sunday with 38 points.

The Welshpool Junior

The Welshpool Junior team had a very successful weekend when brothers Ben and Frankie Jones with Tom Bowen won the National Final of the Shelter Cymru competition held in Llan-drindod Wells.

Fossils champs

RECORD-breaking Welsh-pool Fossils are the newly crowned champions of the TNS Venue Veterans Foot-ball League. They smashed the scoring record this sea-son with 56 goals in lifting the title for a second time.

Venue Veterans League

Welshpool Fossils . 9 8 1
Wrexham Retro . . 9 6 3
Llan City 9 6 1
Black Lion 9 4 1
Oswestry Bell . . 9 3 3
Newtown . . . 9 3 2

New Saints chief hoping for plum European tie in draw

ing this month's UEFA Champions League Switzerland as he ponders prospect of landing one of several mouthwa-

The Welsh Premier champions are unseeded, so will be banking on a 'glamour' tie in the second qualifying round when the draw takes place in Nyon, Switzerland, on Monday, June 24.

In the past, they have met footballing giants Manchester

City and Liverpool, and possible opponents this summer could be Scottish champions Celtic, BATE Borisov of Belarus or Georgians Dinamo Tbilisi.

Dinamo Tbilisi.

The first leg fixtures will take place on either July 16-17, with the return leg being played a week later on either July 23-24.

July 23-24.
Director of football Harrison had his first taste of European football last summer in the 3-0 aggregate defeat against Swedish defeat against Swedish champions Helsingborgs – and he can't wait to take on

and he can't wait to take on Europe's elite again.

"Last year was fantastic and European football was something that I never expe-rienced as a player," said the former Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace defender.
"As a manager it was def-initely the best moment I have and I can't wait for another go.
"There are some glamour

another go.

"There are some glamour ties and there are some very, very tough ties. Celtic for instance would be a fantastic draw for the club and there would be plenty of local interest local interest.

interest.
"They are one of the biggest clubs in Europe and they beat Barcelona last year, who are arguably the best team in the world.
"The support Celtic has is huge and all round it would be a wonderful tie."

huge and all round it would be a wonderful tie."
He added: "There are other clubs that would involve lots of travelling as well as being tough games. Bate, Steua Bucharest and Partizan Belgrade are all very good teams and they would all be a very hostile place to play football in. "But Helsingborgs won their domestic treble prior to when we played them and we did really well against them, especially at home."
Harrison confirmed that

them, especially at home."
Harrison confirmed that
if TNS landed a kind draw
then there could be a chance
of progressing to the third
qualifying round to ensure a
glamour tie with a European
glamt, with the likes of
Olympique Lyonnais, FC
Zenit Saint Petersburg, PSV
Eindhoven and Turkish
glants, Fenerbahce SK lying
in wait.
"With clubs like us, it is
all about the draw," said
Harrison.

Harrison. "If you get a kind draw then you never know and you might have a chance.

FOOTBALL by John



TNS chief Craig Harrison

the draw. We proved last year that

"We proved last year that at home we can give anyone a game but, like I said, some of the teams in Europe are exceptional."

The Saints, who have made giant strides in Europe over the years, began pre-season training this week with the focus firmly on the greatest Club Competition in the world.

Winners

Other notestial conce.

Other potential opponents for the Saints are Sheriff Tiraspol (Moldova), NK Maribor (Slovenia), IF Elfsborg (Sweden), Maccabi Elfsborg (Sweden), Maccabi Tel-Aviv (Israel), HJK Helsinki (Finland), Ekranas Panavezys (Lithuania), Nertchi Baku (Azerbaijan) and either Viktoria Plzen or Sparta Prague from the Czech Republic.

Last year, TNS lost 3-0 on aggregate at the first hurdle to Helsingborgs after a 0-0 draw against the Swedish outfit at Park Hall.

● The Saints will visit

draw against the Swedish outfit at Park Hall.

● The Saints will visit Market Drayton Town in the semi-final of this season's Shropshire Senior Cup on Monday, July 8 (7.45).

In the other semi-final APC Telford United host Shawbury United the following night, July 9 (7,45).

The winners of each tie will then meet in the play-of final on Monday, July 15 (7,45) to decide who will take on Shrewsbury Town in the final at the Greenhous Meadow on Thursday, July Meadow on Thursday, July Meadow on Thursday, July Meadow on Thursday, July

Presentation night for young players



The under 15's girls team with their awards



Members of the under 13 team



Members of the under 11 team

ELLESMERE Rangers brought the curtain down on

brought the curtain down on their season with a highly successful presentation evening in which seven teams received awards. The award night took place thanks to donations and support from the Ellesmere and District Round table and Wem Butchers. The awards were:Under nines (Manager Darryl Hopton): Top were: Under nines (Manager Darryl Hopton): Top goalscorer - Conor Huggins and Matty Harrington; Parent and players' player - Alex Iskauskas; Manager's player - Owen Washington Under 10s (Manager Phil Bell): Top goalscorer - Harry Moore; Players player - Luke Payne; Parents' player - Dan Harrington; Manager's player - Connor Bell Under 11s (Manager Rob Grindley): Top goalscorer - Matt Grindley; Manager's player - Molly Vermeulem-Roberts; Most improved -

Tim Mytton. Under 12s Manager Matthew Evans):
Man of the match - Reece
Evans; Top goalscorer Edward Shakeshaft; Players'
player - Ambrose Mochan;
Manager's player - Reece Evans

Under 13s (Manager Paul Huggins): Manager's player
- Dylan Evans; Players'
player - Jack Hutchinson;
Top goalscorer - Brad Stackhouse: Most improved - Jav

14s (Manager Under Under 14s (Manager Craig Evans): Players' player - Lewis Evans; Man-ager's [layer - Cory Stubs and Harry Davis; Top goalscorer - Rowan Birch

goalscorer - Rowan Birch Under 15s girls (Manager Ian Washington): Manager's player Grace Ward-Allen; Players' player - Kelly Grif-fiths; Parents' player - Mia Washington; Refs player -Mia Washington; Top goalscorer - Nicole Hewitt



Members of the under 9 team



Members of the under 14 team



sion One and Two.

But now county FA officials have told them they
must join the Mercian
League – along with Bucknell and Newcastle – as part

easy reach of most of their mid-Wales border oppo-

says discussions are ongoing with all three clubs, but admits there is no room for

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Racing Ben powers way to victory



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Trefonen FC Oswestry hoping for happy return to home soil

could fold OSWESTRY's cricketers hope for some home comforts in the Birmingham League division two when they return to duty at their Morda Road base against Eastnor on over league Saturday (12noon). move order

back behind the stumps. After back-to-back away wins, captain Mark Robinson is hop-ing his side can conjure up their first league win on home soil against mid-table Here-fordshire visitors Eastnor.

"We've already won three away from home this season, so it's been a shame that our form at Morda Road has not been bet-ter," he said.

again, we know it's our strongest suit.
"We bowled well in partnerships, created pressure and made it hard for them to get

pressure and made it hard for them to get away."

Jonathan Miles took a season's best 5-42 as Oswestry dismissed Coventry and North Warwicks for 136 last week, left arm spinner Warrick Fynn also bagging 3-25.

There were a few jitters in reply, with the visitors slipping to 36-4, but a 70-run stand between Miles (35) and Robinson (53no) helped their side over the line.

Top quality Twenty/20 cricket comes to Oswestry on Sunday when Morda Road stages the area semi-finals and final of the ECB National T20 Knockout.

Oswestry are in action at 10.30am when they take on Shrewsbury, current leaders of

the Birmingham League Premier Division, in the first semi.

"It will obviously be a tough task, but we "It will obviously be a tougn task, due we beat them in the League T20 last season, so we know it can be done," said Oswestry skipper Mark Robinson.
"Add in the fact that several Shrewsbury players will be on Shropshire duty, and it evens things up a bit!"

Spectators

Penkridge and Milford Hall will start their semi-final at 1.30pm, with the winners of the two matches facing each other in the area final at 5pm.

Spectators are welcome to come along and enjoy what should be a great day's cricket, and entry to the Morda Road

Welshpool looking for a win after away loss

AFTER seeing their good run halted, Welshpool aim to bounce back when they visit

run halted, Welshpool aim to bounce back when they visit lowly Condover in the Shropshire Cricket League division one on Saturday. It has been an encouraging start to the season for Pool, but they were brought down to earth with a five wicket loss at Lilleshall which saw them slip to sixth in the table. Batting first, they were dismissed for 103 last week with only Rob Pengelly (26) showing any real resistance. Lilleshall's reply also stuttered but the home side, however, steadied their ship with a solid partnership between Paul Bainbridge (35no) and Simon Millington (28) helping them to a five wicket win. Meanwhile, WELSH-POOL II succumbed by five wicket sta thome to Lilleshall II in the reserve division one. Put in to bat, they williams (47) and 20s from Dale Evans, Stuart Jones, and Jonathan Penrose to Williams (41) and 20s from Dale Evans, Stuart Jones, and Jonathan Penrose to finish on 156-9 off their 50 overs. In reply, the visitors reached their target with eight overs to spare.

Key matches

for bowlers

IFTON will be looking to make up ground in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League when they play two matches in as many days.

First up, they play their rearranged home clash with struggling Archibald Worthington tonight (thursday) before facing a tough trip to leaders Newport the following night.

leaders Newport the following night.
The St Martins side should have played Archibald last week, but used their concession to call the game off as they had a number of players away.
Skipper Dicky Jones will be banking on a bumper haul of points against tonight's visitors who have struggled this term.
By contrast, life will be a

struggled this term.

By contrast, life will be a lot tougher on Friday against defending champions Newport who were comfortable winners against Iffon last term.

Ifton last term.

Saturday (12noon). Having been away on four of their last five Saturdays, the border men will be keen to make their mark this weekend – particularly after their disastrous showing when skittled for 67 by Fordhouses in their last action on home soil three weeks ago. Since then they have had some creditable displays on their travels, with last week's three wicket win at Coventry and North Warwickshire earning 24 points to boost their prospects. A FOOTBALL club near Oswestry may have to fold after they were ordered to switch to an English league. Trefonen FC have spent the past five seasons playing in the JT Hughes Mont-gomeryshire Leagues Divi-sion One and Two. **Positives** "The opposition enjoy playing here, we've got a lovely ground, but it's important we start well on Saturday against Eastnor who have got a long distance to travel. "In this league, teams are beating each other, it's going to be that way all season, but we need to do better at home. their prospects. Scott Hale, who has hit two centuries for the second team, comes in for the unavailable Joe Carrasco while Dean Suter is also "We can take a lot of positives from last they take on Shrewsbury, current leaders of

nell and Newcastle – as part of a move to bolster junior football in Shropshire. Trefonen chairman Howard Martin says his players are reluctant to register again in the face of long-distance trips as far afield as Highley. The club's School Lane ground is three miles from the Welsh border and within easy reach of most of their OOL BOSS mid-Wales border opponents. But Martin pointed out: "If we were to play in the Mercian League, we could be travelling to places like Clee Hill. The furthest we have had to go in the Montgomeryshire League is Abermule. "The whole thing is a nonsense and our players and staff don't want to go." Neil Sambrook, Shropshire FA general manager, says discussions are ongoing

JUST a couple of weeks after resigning as boss of Guilsfield, Russell Cadwallader is back in management following a surprise switch to Spar Mid Wales League neighbours Welshpool Town.

Cadwallader stepped down after three seasons with Cymru Alliance side Guilsfield, with whom he won both the league cup and more recently the Central Wales Cup, saying he could take the club no further.

However, he has now made an instant return to management with the Lilywhites – but his arrival has seen pragrius hoss Dave

Cadwallader was purely a that the decision has been

whites – but his arrival has seen previous boss Dave Jones and his assistant David Williams both leave the Maesydre club in acrimonious circumstances.

Jones was offered the assistant role, but refused that after being disappointed at the manner in which he was replaced.

Welshpool officials said their decision to appoint

leeway.
"Their permission to play outside their home country has been declined. They are English clubs and we feel they should be playing in England," he said.
"If we had the time and inclination we could challenge this decision, but it's nost cost effective," added Martin. "But it is unfair

Wilde voted player of the season



Mike Wilde who was voted the Weist CRIAG Harrison hailed The New Saints' team ethic as the Welsh Premier champions swept the board at the league's annual presentation night.

Striker Michael Wilde, winger Ryan Fraughan and head coach Carl Darlington were those to be honoured at the league's annual dinner at St David's Hotel, Ewloe.

Director of football Harrison said: "Mike

and Ryan were fantastic this season and they deserve their individual awards." Top scorer Wilde was voted the league's player of the season, and was also pre-sented with the Golden Boot award as the

league's leading scorer with 25 goals

went to TNS head coach Darlington for the second year running.

Wales manager Chris Coleman, who was guest at the dinner, praised TNS and their style of play, adding: "They play brilliant football and they are the yardstick for the other clubs to aspire to."

TNS were back in training this week as they prepared for their Champions League challenge next month.

nost cost effective," added Martin. "But it is unfair when you look at the New Saints who play in the Welsh Premier while they are based, like us, in England. **Burton aims to keep**

Guilsfield on the up

NEW boss Matt Burton is NEW boss Matt Burton is looking to keep Guilsfield on the up after taking the helm at the Cymru Alliance club. The 36-year-old is relish-ing the challenge after replacing Russell Cadwal-lader.

lader.

Burton is no stranger to Guilsfield, having played for club in the mid 2000s, and his arrival sees the club in good shape, having finished eighth last term in the Cymru Alliance, while also lifting the Central Wales Cup. He met players and officials this week, and believes there is no need for

drastic changes, although he is keen to strengthen the squad.

"I went to watch them

squad.
"I went to watch them
towards the end of the season and I was quite
impressed with what I saw,"
he said. "I hope the players
will stay and give me a
chance, they had a good seachance, they had a good season, and hopefully we can look to improve on that. "We do need to have a big-

we do need to nave a big-ger squad to avoid travelling to some away games short of players which happened last season. I'm trying to get a decent squad of 18 for next season."

Cadwallader was purely a "footballing decision." A statement added: "Following a meeting of the club's committee, Welshpool Town FC has decided unanimously to appoint Russell Cadwallader as manager for the comins season.

Cadwallader as manager tor the coming season.

"The club would like to stress that this is purely a footballing decision to try and move things forward and the club would like to put on record its appreciation of the hard work and carvice given to the club by uon of the hard work and service given to the club by David Jones (DJ) over the past two seasons along with Neil Breeze and David Williams.

Disappointed

"DJ was offered the posi-tion of assistant manager with the club, along with the offer to fund his coaching qualifications in the future.

"Regrettably he has declined the offer and therefore the club would like to

fore the club would like to take the opportunity to wish him all the very best for the future."

Jones was not prepared to accept the assistant's role, while his father and club secretary Elwyn Jones has also resigned.

"I am very disappointed

that the decision has been taken to remove me from my position as manager," said Dave Jones.
"However, what is far worse than that, is the way that it was orchestrated in secret and behind both mine and David Williams' backs after we had both been told after we had both been told that we were to carry on running the team next sea-

that we were to carry our running the team next season.

"I would have hoped that my efforts over the last two years would have at the very least warranted being treated properly and with respect, and it is with regret that this was not the case.
"As such I have no alternative to completely end my association with the club and I have no intention of ever returning, and certainly not whilst the current hierarchy have any involvement in the club."

He thanked all the players for their efforts and also David Williams and formerly Neil Breeze for their help as his assistant.

his assistant.

It was a disappointing end for Jones who became manager two years ago at the 11th hour following the club's demotion from the Cymru Alliance.



Mike Wilde who was voted the Welsh Premier League player of the season

Wingman Fraughan received the acco-lade of young player of the season with team-mate Kai Edwards, a winner last sea-son with Neath, also nominated. The award for manager of the season went to TNS head coach Darlington for the

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